

Life Commitment, Church Vocations Set In April

NASHVILLE — Churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will be observing Life Commitment Month in April and Church Vocations Sunday, April 28.

Theme for the 1974 observance is "Equipped with the Word," which supports the denominational theme for the year, "Share the Word Now."

The April observance will deal with

Village Cites Need For May 12 Offering

In its annual Christian Home Week announcements, The Baptist Children's Village has emphasized to local Baptist churches in Mississippi the importance of its Mother's Day offering.

The period of May 5-12, 1974, which Southern Baptists designate as Christian Home Week, culminated by the traditional observance of Mother's Day on May 12, has been formally and officially designated by Mississippi Baptist Convention as the period for mission emphasis in churches on Baptist child care and the mission efforts of The Baptist Children's Village, in particular.

The administration at the Village, Mississippi's official Baptist-child care agency, has again pointed out that this offering appeal is the only appeal for designated, cash gifts which is addressed by the Children's Village to organize churches during the year, and that the Children's Village is dependent upon this type designated giving for approximately 70% of its operating needs.

The Baptist Children's Village operates a home for neglected and de-

Home Board Names Mission Personnel

ATLANTA (BP) — Eight missionaries and 10 missionary associates were appointed by the Home Mission Board here for service in seven states.

Appointed missionaries were Donald and Janell Brent of Silver City, N. M., Jon and Deanna Gilbert of Yorktown, Ind., Joe and Betty Jean Peterson of Yampa, Colo., and Burt and Karyn Purvis of Clearwater, Fla.

Missionary associates appointed were Burrell and Elva Jones of Morrison, Okla., Mrs. Martha Mora of Artesia, N. M., Bob and Darlene Payne of Fort Smith, Ark., Herbert and Aurelia Retta of Lyon, Miss., Fabian Sena of Santa Fe, N. M., and Leland and Gertrude Warren of Hammond, Ind.

The Paynes will serve as field workers among the Indians in Arizona. The Rettas were appointed for work with the Spanish in Clarksdale, Miss., Sena to work with Spanish-speaking students in New Mexico, Warren to be the pastor of a Spanish church in Hammond, Ind.

The Bible Speaks Re Demons

By John P. Newport
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(First in a series of four)

For Baptists, the Bible is the divinely inspired and authoritative rule of practice. Furthermore, to truly be under the Bible, we must not only accept its authority and inspiration, but we must utilize recognized principles of interpretation which will allow the Bible to speak for itself.

What does the Bible have to say about demons? Since space is limited, the New Testament will be given primary consideration.

Satan and demons are prominent in the New Testament. A demon is seen in the New Testament as an "evil spirit" or a "messenger and minister of the devil."

Demons are evidently created spiritual beings with no bodies. Being spiritual does not discount the fact that they are personal, intelligent and voluntary agents (Lk. 4:34).

Their knowledge, however, is not a saving knowledge since they will not submit to God.

Since Satan apparently appeared to Jesus in human form (Matt. 4:9,10), demons perhaps have power on occasion to do likewise. They are morally vicious (Matt. 10:1) and have amazing strength (Lk. 8:29).

In New Testament times many people were dominated and tormented by demons. Luke distinguishes this possession from cases of ordinary sickness and mental disease.

When Jesus sent out the 12 disciples, He gave them authority over unclean spirits and told them to cast out demons. He also told them to heal every disease and infirmity (Matt. 10:1).

Jesus did not cast demons out of people who were sick—He healed them. But He ministered to the demonized by casting spirits out. Jesus obviously knew the difference between disease and the demonic.

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State Baptist Youth Night Set For '74

Mississippi Baptist Youth Night will be held this year, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The date is Monday night, December 30. The place is the Coliseum in Jackson. This one-night rally will replace the Youth Convention presently scheduled at that time.

Youth Night for 23 years was the concluding session of the Mississippi State Convention. Last November the convention, upon the recommendation of the Convention Board, voted to discontinue the annual Youth Night service.

The Executive Committee of the Convention Board, which originally recommended to the Board that the service be discontinued, authorized the rescheduling of the service for Monday night, Dec. 30.

Dr. Kelly, in discussing the two actions of the Executive Committee, said that "I do not think it was the purpose of those who initiated this action, (adopted by the convention), to abolish the Youth Convention. They were seeking solutions for existing problems. Your Executive Secretary-Treasurer would be most reluctant to abolish any Baptist meeting that could bring 10,000 young Baptists together for constructive purposes."

The December date is not fixed as an annual date for this meeting. An opinionnaire will be distributed, according to Dr. Kelly, giving pastors

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Baptist Churches Suffer Severe Flood Damage

By Earl Kelly
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Several Baptist churches suffered severe flood damage during the floods in South Mississippi last week. Baptist leaders in the affected areas are now attempting to estimate the total damage. It is already apparent that several of the damaged churches will need financial assistance.

Dr. Joel Ray, Superintendent of Missions of the Lebanon Association, and I toured the damaged areas in the Hattiesburg and Petal areas last weekend. The Calvary Baptist Church of Hattiesburg received the most extensive damage. This church had been redecorated recently. The new pews and carpets which were submerged under four feet of water, are a complete loss. An organ was also ruined. Calvary's pastor, Rev. Emmitt Boone, stated, "We were just at the point of being able to do more for missions, and now this!"

Bowie Street Baptist Church where Rev. John Klem is pastor sustained damage from a foot of water in its auditorium. The churches in Petal were completely surrounded by water but were miraculously spared from flood damage. Several National Baptist churches were severely damaged. Some had as much as five and one-half feet of water in them and at least one was washed off its foundation.

Many of the members of these damaged churches lost everything they owned. This means the offerings are sure to take a dramatic drop while

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Baptists Rush Money And Supplies To Storm Victims In Xenia, Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP) — Baptist donations totaling \$8,000 and truck loads of food and clothing were rushed to aid storm victims in Xenia, Ohio after tornadoes struck several states April 3.

A large moving van carried clothing and other staples on April 8 to the Red Cross emergency distribution center in Xenia.

Two other smaller trucks left even earlier with clothing and food collected by Baptist churches over the state to help the needs of sufferers in the worst hit area of the state where the tornadoes struck.

Bill Slagle, state Brotherhood director; Mrs. Beale Kirkwood, state director of Woman's Missionary Union; and Grady Evans, student ministries director — all of the staff of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio — served as an ad hoc committee coordinating relief efforts. Churches sent clothing and food, to the Baptist Building here, where it was picked up by a Bekins Moving and Storage van.

The owner of the local Bekins company donated the trailer-tractor rig, plus the services of a driver and helper to transport the materials to Xenia.

The overflow was placed in two church buses and sent to the Mason-Mt. Pisgah area in Cincinnati where

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REGIONAL MAN AND BOY RALLY HELD AT NEWTON

A regional Man and Boy Rally, one of a series of four, was held April 18 at First Church, Newton. Photo at left shows a part of the crowd, with the host pastor, Rev. Hardy Denham, welcoming the men and boys. Center photo shows a man and boy, from Meridian, who seem to be enjoying supper. They were, Joe Miller and son, Jody. Picture at right is that of several leaders discussing the program. From left: Rev. John Merritt, missionary to Germany, speaker; Rev. E. L. Howell, director of Brotherhood Department, sponsor; Rev. Tommy Baddley, pastor First Church, Brandon, music director; Billy Vaughn, minister of music, First Church, Laurel, music director, and host pastor, Rev. Hardy Denham.

ARKANSAS' LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LEADS WORSHIP IN MOTEL EACH SUNDAY

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP) — Arkansas Lt. Governor Bob Riley, a Baptist, believes that proclaiming the 'Good News' is every Christian's duty.

True to his own words, Riley does his "proclaiming each Sunday at the Holiday Inn here where he leads in worship services for guests, employees and other persons.

The service is part of the outreach ministry of First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia. Nathan Porter, formerly of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board staff, is the inn chaplain and the pastor of First Church.

Bahamian Choir To Perform In Dallas

DALLAS, Tex. (BP) — Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) meeting here in June will hear music — Bahamian style.

The 130-voice United Baptist choir from Nassau, Bahamas, will sing in the SBC's Thursday morning and evening sessions on June 13 and also during the Monday afternoon (June 10) session of the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, annual meeting here.

Members of the choir, from 23 of Nassau's 46 Baptist churches, are paying their own way to Dallas and will stay in homes of members of four churches here, according to Miss Antonina Canzoneri, missionary press representative.

The SBC will meet June 11-13, while the WMU meeting will be June 9-10, both in the Dallas Convention Center.

The Bible Speaks Regarding Demons

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The distinction between disease and the demonized is not always so easy to see today.

Some Christians attribute every unhealthy state to demons. Other Christians deny the possibility of the demonic being the cause of any illness or emotional problem or lying behind any sort of bizarre behavior.

The picture is further complicated by the fact that the demonized and the mentally ill often share similar behavioral symptoms.

An actual case of demonization affects certain results in the victim's life.

Generally such a person dislikes anything that has to do with the Christian faith. Also, there may be

strong impulses to curse God or Christian symbols and compulsions to disturb Christian meetings.

These symptoms generally do not hold for the psychologically ill.

Demon possession was a special phenomenon which was particularly frequent during Jesus' earthly life. It seemed to be directly connected with His coming to destroy Satan.

John tells us that "the son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 Jn. 3:8). Satan used every device at his disposal to frustrate the purpose of God in Christ.

It is not strange to see that exorcism of demons was one of the most characteristic activities of Jesus' ministry.

Jesus taught that the coming of the final stage of the kingdom at the second coming would mean destruction

of the devil and his angels in eternal fire (Matt. 25:41).

However, before the final defeat, Jesus has invaded the realm of Satan to deal him a preliminary but decisive defeat.

Satan A Strong Man

Satan is a strong man (Matt. 12:29). His "goods" are men and women under his evil influence.

A stranger, Jesus, has come to assail and overcome Satan. Jesus saw the successful mission of the 70, which was characterized by power over demons, as evidence of the defeat of Satan (Lk. 10:10).

Power of disciples, of course, was a delegated authority.

Jesus warned that exorcism is not enough. Unless a life is possessed by the power of God, its deliverance from Satan can be only temporary

(Matt. 23:43-45). The demon can return bringing seven other demons with him.

Paul likewise believed that the world was under the heel of celestial world rulers (1 Cor. 2:8, II Cor. 4:4, Eph. 6:12).

Man is under bondage to evil powers. Salvation is seen in terms of rescue and God's power.

In Pauline epistles are several passages which clearly indicate Paul's views.

Behind idols are demons (1 Cor. 8:4ff). In latter days men shall fall away, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines taught by demons (I Tim. 4:1).

Existence of demons and reality of demon possession are clearly assumed in the Acts of the Apostles.

Prominence of these elements, however, is much more limited than in the

first three gospels.

Peter was related to healing those vexed with unclean spirits (Acts 5:15) as well as those who were sick.

Handkerchiefs and aprons which had been in contact with Paul were effective in expelling evil spirits (Acts 19:12) or at least arousing faith of persons concerned.

Phillip was used to drive out unclean spirits (Acts 8:7).

In Acts 16:16ff. a girl with a supernatural knowledge or perception followed Paul. Paul evidently regarded this case as one of real spirit possession and expelled it.

In Jude 6 and 1 Peter 2:4 there is an allusion to the fall of the angels and their imprisonment.

References in Revelation

In the Book of Revelation are several references to unclean spirits or demons. In 9:3,7 the reference is probably to demon locusts (cf. 9:20).

Revelation 16:13f. refers to three frog-like spirits which are the spirits of demons. They come out of the mouth of the dragon, which represents Satan, the beast (the beast of

13:11ff.), and the false prophet (the second beast in 13:11ff.).

All three figures mentioned — Satan, the Roman Emperor (or empire), and the heathen priesthood — are embodiment of spiritual forces. They represent the kingdom of evil.

Demon hosts of Rev. 9:11 have over them as king the "angel of the abyss" whose name is Abaddon or Apollyon. He is himself evidently an evil demonic being.

An angel (9:1f) liberates them from the abyss to hurt those who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads (9:4).

The abyss is only the intermediate place of punishment for fallen angels — not the final lake of fire (20:10,14).

Revelation 12:4 states that the tail of the dragon draws a third of the stars of heaven and casts them down to earth.

This is usually seen as referring to a primeval war in heaven since stars are familiar symbols of fallen angels.

In a succeeding article the methods of interpreting the relevance of this extensive New Testament material on demons for modern man will be discussed and evaluated.

Village Cites Need For Mother's Day Offering

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pendent children and a general, multi-service child care agency with services available state-wide. Its principal offices are in Northwest, metropolitan Jackson, where the statistical majority of the children under residential care are housed in a modern and functional campus plant, featuring true cottage-style living.

Many informed observers declare

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and other church leaders throughout the state an opportunity to express their feelings concerning the time of year for this youth rally, the night of the week, and the content of the program.

The program for this year will be planned by a committee to be selected by the Executive Secretary. This, too, is an interim measure designed for this year only. It is anticipated that the Executive Committee will make a decision about the assignment of this meeting for planning and promotion in the future.

The Youth Choir Festival which in recent years has been held at the Youth Convention had already been rescheduled earlier in December. This substitution of Youth Night for the Youth Convention was recommended by those responsible for the convention.

Broadmoor Church Choir To Present Musical On TV

The Church Choir of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, will present CELEBRATE LIFE on Channel 18, Saturday evening, April 27 at 8 p.m. Although this musical-drama has had countless presentations since its premiere at Ridgecrest and Gorieta in the summer of 1972, this production is unique in this area, as it is being done by adults.

CELEBRATE LIFE! tells the story of Jesus in simple, dramatic terms. Four young men in the roles of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John share their faith and tell of experiences they have known relating to the birth, life, death and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The music was written by Beryl Red, with book and lyrics by Ragan Courtney.

This will be the fifth presentation of CELEBRATE LIFE! for the Broadmoor Church. The group has done it at the local church, in the City Auditorium and at other churches in the city and in Louisiana. Taped instrumental accompaniment is being used, combined with live instrumentalists. J. M. Wood is minister of music at Broadmoor and director of the presentation. Dr. David R. Grant is pastor.

New Sight To Celebrate 50th Year

New Sight Church, Lincoln County, will observe its fiftieth anniversary on May 5, the regularly scheduled Anniversary Day.

Morning worship service begins at 11. Immediately following dinner at the church, the afternoon service will include preaching and singing, and a special service will be presented.

Rev. J. C. Cullum, secretary of evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be guest speaker.

Rev. Edgar Lee Wright, pastor, in charge of former pastors, members and friends of the church.

that the Jackson campus and the diversified program of training, activities and therapy conducted by the Village staff represent one of the more progressive and one of the most distinctively Christian child care efforts in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Children's Village also operates a uniquely successful group care or "satellite" home in New Albany, in facilities furnished by First Baptist Church of that city; a system of Village "foster" homes, representing superior, private homes; affiliated with the Village by contract and supervised by Village staff in the care of Village children under private living circumstances; and a service of trained spiritual, professional and clinical testing, counseling, therapy and treatment to families in a state of crisis in an effort to assist those families in keeping their children in the natural home.

Village Trustees and administration have announced that other "satellite" homes, and the possibility of a branch campus of the Children's Village, to be located in a different area of the state represent plans which are currently under advanced consideration.

"Bailey Cottage," the twenty-third building to be located on the Jackson campus has been recently completed and occupied as a family-style cottage with boys and girls who are members of the same natural family living together in the same cottage.

Importance of Week Cited
In urging the worthiness and the importance of Christian Home Week and the Mother's Day offering appeal to the Village and its children, Superintendent Paul N. Nunnery has stated: "Every Mississippi home has experienced the financially crippling effects of rampant inflation, particularly during the past 9 months. The problems created thereby are nowhere more severe than in the group living circumstances of Christian child care, because we must purchase virtually every product and every service required by the more than 300 children who are our responsibility each year, including the services of substitute parents.

"At the same time, the Baptist Children's Village, like every Christian child care agency everywhere, is now called to serve more and more adolescents, young 'teen-agers' who bring with them for solution problems which are always puzzling and sometimes frightening and who manifest a critical need for the direction in their lives which only stable, Christian home living can bring.

"The fact that we are called to serve older and more difficult children dictates that our services, including professional and clinical services be superior and more refined than ever before. Thus, there is no escaping our need for additional funding to maintain this mission ministry to children and families which is so critical to the stability of our society.

"Mississippi Baptists and churches have been our interested, generous and loyal friends, especially in recent years. We are anxious to serve these churches and the private families in need who may represent the concern of the churches.

We must have the financial support of the churches this Mother's Day if we are to survive, and we must have the understanding and prayers of the churches throughout the year if we are to adequately meet the needs of the children and young people coming to our care.

Sample supplies of brochures and offering envelopes have been mailed to every Baptist church in the state. If additional materials are desired or required, the Village has suggested that they be requested by collect telephone call to 922-2242 in Jackson or by letter to The Baptist Children's Village, P. O. Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213.



MBCB Sends Check To Mt. Pisgah Following Fire

Rev. Wayne Rutledge, left, pastor of Mount Pisgah Church, Tallahatchie County, receives check from Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, presented by Rev. Lee Ferrell, right, pastor of Webb Church and Convention Board representative of Tallahatchie Association.

The check was sent after the Mt. Pisgah Church burned. The members now have a building under construction and hope to be in it by July 1. Mr. Ferrell states, "The spirit of the church has remained high and the enthusiasm is wonderful. We thank Mississippi Baptists for their support and prayers for the church during their loss."

Chaplains Honor Two Southern Baptists

SAN FRANCISCO (BP) — Two Southern Baptists were presented distinguished service awards here at the annual meeting of the College of Chaplains of the American Protestant Hospital Association (APHA).

The awards went to Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology of religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Charles D. Phillips of Chicago, executive director of APHA.

Baptisms—Top 50 Churches, 1973

(Prepared By Evangelism Department)

No.	Church	Pastor	No. Baptisms
1.	Central, Hattiesburg	Rev. C. R. Williams	215
2.	Colonial Hills, (DeSoto)	Rev. Jack Nazary	134
3.	First, Horn Lake	Rev. Billy E. Roby	115
4.	Immanuel, Columbus	Rev. Jerry E. File	105
5.	Broadmoor, Jackson	Dr. David Grant	104
6.	First, Jackson	Rev. Franklin Pollard	103
7.	McDowell Road, Jackson	Rev. John Hilburn	97
8.	Immanuel, Natchez	Rev. Billy R. Thomas	96
9.	Ridgeland (Rankin)	Rev. Paul Williamson	93
10.	First, Gulfport	Dr. John Traylor	90
11.	Parkview, Greenville	Rev. R. W. Dorsey	87
12.	First, Greenwood	Dr. Clifton Perkins	86
13.	First, Purvis	Rev. Thomas Hall	85
14.	Ridgeland	Rev. W. Everett Martin	81
15.	Southside, Lucedale	Rev. Harry L. Barnes	80
16.	Midway, Jackson	Rev. Bentley Preston	80
17.	Eastlawn, Jackson	Rev. W. A. Wimbs	78
18.	Grace Memorial, Gulfport	Rev. J. W. Baker	75
19.	Crooked Creek (Lawrence)	Rev. Barry Landrum	74
20.	First, Greenville	Rev. Horace C. Thomas	70
21.	Trinity, Fulton	Dr. Brian Harbour	69
22.	Colonial Heights, Jackson	Dr. John McCall	68
23.	Carson		68
24.	First, Vicksburg		68
25.	West Tallahatchie (Union County)	Rev. Kenny Adair	68
26.	Parkway, Jackson	Dr. William Causey	67
27.	Main Street, Hattiesburg	Dr. John Barnes, Jr.	67
28.	First, Long Beach	Dr. Gail DeBord	64
29.	Calvary, Hattiesburg	Rev. Emmitt Boone	62
30.	Bowmar Ave., Vicksburg	Rev. Harold C. Jordan	62
31.	First, Pascagoula	Rev. Clark W. McMurray	61
32.	First, Biloxi	Rev. Frank Gunn	60
33.	Calvary, Pascagoula	Rev. Byron Mathis	60
34.	Pleasant Hill, Vicksburg	Rev. George A. Myers	60
35.	McLaurin Heights (Rankin)	Rev. Eugene Dobbs	60
36.	First, West Point	Rev. Joel E. Haire	59
37.	Morrison Heights, Clifton	Rev. Charles Gentry	58
38.	Van Winkle, Jackson	Rev. H. A. Milner	57
39.	First, Brandon	Rev. W. T. Baddley	57
40.	Gulfport Heights	Rev. Lester McNair	56
41.	Magnolia St., Laurel	Rev. Wayne Dubose	56
42.	North Greenwood	Dr. Walter Yeldell	56
43.	Alta Woods, Jackson	Dr. Charles Myers	54
44.	First, Gautier	Rev. John Brock	54
45.	West Laurel	Rev. D. J. Benson	54
46.	Unity (Pearl River)	Rev. James W. Hickman	54
47.	Goodyear, Poyame		52
48.	Mt. Zion (Simpson)	Rev. Ben Carlise	52
49.	Oakhurst Clarksdale	Rev. Glenn Sullivan	51
50.	North Morton	Rev. Martin Jenkins	51

Outreach Dates For 1974-75

By Bryant Cummings

Plans are underway in churches and associations for Reach Out emphases for 1974-75.

(1) Associational Reach Out Rally — About May 1. For pastors, education directors, Sunday School director and reach out directors from every local church.

(2) Complete plans for People Search — August - September

(3) Reach Out Week in the local church — September 23-October 3
A. Study "Reach Out to People" in local church.

B. Major on family visitation

C. Update Sunday School roll (do not start new roll!)

D. Intensive personal visitation

E. Use musical service "Reaching People"

F. Conduct "Reach Out Festival" during October in churches.

(4) Promote "Celebration Sunday" — High Attendance Sunday, November 17.

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N. O. Seminary Foundation Trustees Meet

George Estes, Jr., (second from right) a member of the board of trustees of New Orleans Seminary Foundation, met on the campus recently for the annual meeting of the Foundation trustees. Pictured with Estes, a Gulfport attorney, are Dr. Russell McIntire, seminary director of development; Floyd Lewis, current president of the board and president of Middle South Services, Inc., New Orleans; and Dr. Ray P. Rust, acting president of the seminary. The foundation seeks to undergird the total program of the seminary, and receives and administers funds and encourages financial support for the school.

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As I said in the beginning, when you have men of this caliber serving in places of leadership, no one needs to worry about what will take place. Where good human wisdom fails, it is evident that men like this look to God for divine leadership. I am thankful for the privilege of knowing such men and to have fellowship with them. I am also grateful unto God that he provides such men for his work. — David Grant.

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Music Premieres, New Hymnal To Bow In Dallas

DALLAS (BP) — Two music premieres and the first public announcement of the contents of the new Baptist Hymnal (1975 edition) will be among features of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference here June 9-10, 1974, during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

The conference of Southern Baptist musicians will open with a "Service of Praise," at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening at Park Cities Baptist Church, here. Leading the service will be the Centurymen, under the direction of Beryl Red, New York; concert artists Robert Hale and Dean Wilder, both members of the New York City Opera; and the Dallas Baptist College Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Doug Smith.

Among highlights on Monday morning will be a keynote address, "Worship as Event," by John Claypool, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth and former president of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The premier of a new children's musical, "Jonah's Tale of Whale,"

Evangelists Plan Afternoon Meeting In Dallas, June 12

DALLAS (BP) — The Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists will meet at First Baptist Church here, June 12, 1974, during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting.

Speakers for the one-afternoon session will include Bailey Smith, First Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., and evangelists Moody Adams of Baton Rouge, La., Bill Penley of Asheville, N. C., and John Haggai of Atlanta.

A special guest will be ventriloquist Geraldine Regan and "Rickey."

The conference will open at 12:30 p.m. with an instrumental concert and a concert by music evangelists. Other special music will include presentations by Ivy Walsh of Atlanta, Randall Veazey of Alabama, Lowell Leistner of Orlando, Fla., Bette Stalneck of Lake Charles, La., Ferrell Brakefield of Oakman, Ala., J. W. and Bettie Turner, Austin, Tex., and Jayne Ferrell.

John Bos and Joe Nichols will be program accompanists.

Present officers are Jerry Spencer of Brownsville, Tenn., president; John Bos, Orlando, Fla., vice president; Ed Stalneck of Lake Charles, La., music director; E. C. McDaniel, First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., pastor advisor; and Don Womack of Memphis, Tenn., secretary - director of the central office of Southern Baptist Evangelists.

Annuity Bd. To Host Breakfast At SBC

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board will host a breakfast for its annuitants who come to Dallas to attend the annual meeting of the SBC this year.

Kermit E. Whiteaker, vice president and director of retirement guidance, said the breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, June 13, in the Crystal Ball Room of the Baker Hotel in Dallas.

Anyone receiving an annuity from the board is welcome at the breakfast as guest of the board. Those planning to come should pick up their tickets at the Annuity Board exhibit in the Convention hall on Tuesday, June 11, Whiteaker said.

from Robert Graham and Broadman Press, Nashville, will be presented by The Children's Choir of First Baptist Church, Garland, Tex., under the direction of Harrell Slack.

Rick Powell, composer - arranger and producer from Nashville, will discuss "Electronic Music and the Church," also during the Monday morning session.

Also, the Baptist musicians' conference executive council and newly-elected vice-presidents will be presented, along with awarding of honorary memberships.

Several features will keynote the Monday afternoon session, also in The Sheraton - Dallas Hotel, including a "tribute to Jane Marshall," (Mrs. Elbert), a composer of sacred music, by The Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., singing her compositions under the direction of James Woodward.

During the same session, William J. Reynolds, director of the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, and chairman of the Hymnal Revision Committee, will unveil the contents of the new Baptist Hymnal (1975 edition). This will be the first public announcement of the new hymnal's contents, Reynolds said.

Another Monday afternoon feature will be "Interest Sessions," to include emphases on children's choirs, with a demonstration of music - learning activities with children from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary children's choir school. Other emphases of the interest sessions will be on contemporary worship, adult choirs, music and worship, and instrumental music. New materials and methods in church music will be exhibited.

The Monday evening session will move to Southwestern Seminary for a banquet honoring music missionaries in the Robert E. Naylor Student Center.

Entertainment for the banquet will be provided by the School of Church Music faculty at Southwestern Seminary. Speaker for the event will be Jesse Fletcher, director of the mission support division, of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

The final session on Monday evening will be held in Truett Auditorium, also at Southwestern Seminary, where the W. Hines Sims Achievement Award for distinguished service, to the cause of church music, will be presented to Warren M. Angell, dean emeritus of Warren M. Angell College of Fine Arts, Oklahoma Baptist University, and a longtime, prominent Southern Baptist musician.

The evening will feature music, including the premier performance of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference commissioned anthem for 1974 — "Praise God in His Holiness" by composer James Cram, of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., to be sung by the Oratorio Chorus of Southwestern Seminary.

The conference will conclude Monday evening with a concert, "Belshazzar's Feast," (by William Walton), to be presented by the Oratorio Chorus of Southwestern Seminary and by the Fort Worth Oratorio Symphony. The anthem and concert will be under the direction of Robert Burton.

1973-74 officers of the conference include Don Brown, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., president; Dewey Kyle of Birmingham, Ala., vice president, local church division; Paul Bobbitt, Jacksonville, Fla., vice president, denominational division; Hugh T. McElrath, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., vice president, educational division; and Mary June Tabor of Oklahoma City, Okla., secretary - treasurer.



To Children, He's Lincoln

WEST ST. PAUL, Minn. — Rev. Bruce Hanks, a Baptist minister who gave up his pastorate to spend his time presenting programs on Abraham Lincoln, chats with children at Oakdale School in West St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Hanks is a fifth generation descendant of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and looks and talks like the former President. He lives in Spring Lake Park, Minn., and presents program around the year in schools, colleges, service clubs, churches, nursing homes, and other places.—RNS Photo

Cooper, Kelly To Deliver Addresses For Blue Mountain Graduation Exercises

Owen Cooper, the current president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a noted Mississippi industrialist, will deliver the commencement address at 1974 graduation activities of Blue Mountain College May 5th, according to an announcement made by the school.

Cooper is the immediate past president and is on the board of directors of the Mississippi Chemical Corporation of Yazoo City. He is also on the board of directors of the First Mississippi Corporation and Orrox Corporation of Opelika, Alabama.

In addition to serving as the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, he is also serving now as presi-

dent of the Pan American Union of Baptist Men and as vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Graduation activities will begin with the baccalaureate sermon which will be delivered by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Kelly has served as pastor of Sandcreek Church, Greensburg, Ind., First Church, Holly Springs, and Ridgecrest Church, Jackson.

Born in Ecru, Dr. Kelly is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. He has served on the MBCB Executive Committee, and as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF MISSIONS TO DISCUSS "PUTTING TOGETHER"

DALLAS (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) President Owen Cooper will be one of four major speakers to the SBC's Conference of Superintendents of Missions at First Baptist Church, Dallas, June 10.

Themes for the conference, to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Monday (June 10) will be, "Connections that Count — Churches Functioning Together."

Joining Cooper, a layman from Yazoo City, Miss., as speaker will be: former SBC President H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville; Howard B. Foshee, secretary, church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Hugh O. Chambliss, director of missions for the Madison Baptist Association, Huntsville, Ala., and conference president.

Cooper will speak in the afternoon on "The Fruits of Togetherness," while Paschall's morning address will be "The Unifying Power of Christ." Foshee's topic will be "Tools for the Task," and Chambliss will relate to "Connections that Count — Churches functioning together," both morning addresses.

Special music will be provided by Mrs. Thomas Griffith of Duncanville, Tex., and by Sidney Reber, director of management services for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

In Washington, D. C. there are 25 per cent more women than men in the 13 to 21 age group.

Former Mississippi Pastor Leads In Mission Giving

Dr. Robert Marsh, former pastor of First Church, Laurel, has led his new pastorate, First Church of Dothan, in leading the Alabama Convention in Mission giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and the Troy Children's Home. The Lottie Moon gifts reached \$26,000, which far exceeded the goal set of \$15,000.

The giving to the children's home, which was taken at the same time of the Lottie Moon, exceeded \$10,000. The pastor was asked by several publications to explain the reason for such giving during the Christmas season emphasis. He replied that there was no single factor, there was no outstanding promotion, but the people were enthusiastic and interested in doing something extra for the cause of missions.

Dr. Marsh has indicated that he will ask the church to set a goal of \$30,000 for 1974 Lottie Moon.

Baptists In Portugal See Prayers Answered

By Mrs. John M. Herndon, Missionary

LINDA A-VELHA, Portugal—Prayers are answered. Portuguese Baptists find this to be true after making a study of the past six years of mission work.

Baptist work in Portugal, which dates back to 1907, has always been slow but progress is evident. In 1967 a study was conducted and goals were set.

A seminary, so badly needed, was only in the planning stage. A search for a location for a Baptist book store had been going on for several years. Property was needed for a national assembly and radio work was but a dream.

Churches began working and praying. They decided to add to the list of goals the beginning of work in at least five strategic cities where no Baptist witness existed, beginning a training school for laymen and aiding

in the construction of five new church buildings.

During the succeeding six years God has opened doors in Portugal that many people believed impossible.

A small but thriving seminary is in its fifth year with 11 students.

A Baptist book store is located on one of the busiest streets in Lisbon serving hundreds of people each week plus forty - one churches.

The national assembly program is expanding since property was purchased in 1969 at a beautiful location in the center of the country.

Two weekly radio programs go out over the strongest network in Portugal, reaching the nearly 10 million inhabitants.

New work has been started in not five, but nine areas.

A training school for laymen is being organized.

Five churches now have new buildings.

In addition, all three offering goals — home mission, foreign mission and cooperative program — were exceeded by at least \$1,500. There is also one more church than the projected goal. Only membership and the number of baptisms do not exceed the goals yet. The church membership has increased from 1,658 in 1967 to 2,500, 500 short of the goal. The number of baptisms yearly has increased from 118 in 1967 to 200, 50 short of the goal.

Portuguese Baptists are convinced that goals, combined with hard work and prayer, bring positive results. God is at work in this small country where change comes slowly. But 60 percent of Portuguese cities are without Baptist witness, so prayers continue as Portuguese Baptists look to the future.

If it weren't for TV commercials, a lot of youngsters would never get their homework done.



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Book Store Cash Register Catches On Fire

NASHVILLE (BP)—"Lady, your cash register is on fire!" exclaimed a customer at the Nashville Baptist Book Store.

"I could smell something," said Bunny Carter, the sales person using the register at the time, "but I thought I would finish with this customer and then see what was wrong. But when I looked, smoke was rolling out of the back of the register. Those kids just worked it too hard!"

Mrs. Carter was referring to some of the 20,000 teenagers in Nashville to attend the recent Tennessee Youth Evangelism Conference. Many of them were in the store when the cash register caught on fire. "It settled like there were hundreds of teenagers in the store," said Mrs. Carter.

"We opened the store an hour earlier than usual and closed 30 minutes later than usual in order to accommodate the young people," said James Yarbrough, manager of the store. "We also had Richard Hogue, a young evangelist who spoke at the meeting, in the store to autograph his books." Mrs. Carter immediately unplugged the smoking cash register. There was no damage.

Baptists Rush Money And Supplies To Storm Victims

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the storms also struck. Greater Dayton Baptist Association, where Xenia is located, sent \$5,000 to help with relief work immediately after the storm. Dr. Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary of Baptists in Ohio, phoned the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB) with a request for aid. The HMB forwarded a check for \$3,000 to go with \$1,000 from the Ohio convention to share in the overall donation of \$5,000.

A later donation of \$1,000 from the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) was placed with about \$2,000 contributed by Ohio churches to bring the total financial aid from Baptists to victims in the area to approximately \$8,000.

L. H. Moore, editor of the Ohio Baptist Messenger, news publication of the Ohio convention, said the relief money is being channeled through the convention to the American Red Cross, except \$1,000 each to go to Dayton Avenue Baptist Church and Arrowbrook Baptist Church, both in Xenia (part of the overall \$8,000).

"We are appreciative of the BWA taking an awareness of the need and helping in it, also to the Home Mission Board and others who have contributed," Moore said this is the first time, to his recollection, that the BWA has contributed to relief in the Midwestern United States.

"Usually, their relief efforts are concentrated outside the United States," he said.

1974 Conference Center Schedule Announced

NASHVILLE — Most conferences at Ridgecrest (NC.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Centers this summer will begin Saturday evening and close at noon the following Friday.

Generally, there will be special presentations on Saturday nights which will include an overview for the entire week.

Manual Of Religious Signs To Aid Deaf Communication

ATLANTA, Ga. — A new book of more than 250 sign language symbols for everything from adultery to witness has been published by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Written by HMB consultant for deaf ministries, Jerry F. Potter, missionary to the deaf in North Carolina, the Manual of Religious Signs is designed to facilitate understanding between users of sign language as they communicate religious actions or concepts.

The 188-page book is available from Baptist Book Stores for \$3.95.

Age group and special interest conferences will start Sunday and continue until the end of the week. Sunday morning worship services will be held each week.

At Glorieta, the exceptions are the Foreign Missions Conference and the Student Conference. The Foreign Missions Conference will run from Aug. 9-14, Friday through Wednesday. Then the Student Conference will be Aug. 14-19, Wednesday through Monday.

The Senior Adult Conference will be the exception at Ridgecrest. It will be Aug. 24 - 29, Saturday through Thursday.

Both conference centers will have the annual Conference for Single Adults Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, over the Labor Day holiday weekend.

For reservations at Ridgecrest, write to Ken McAnear, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C., 28770. At Glorieta write to Larry Haslam, Manager, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, N. M., 87535.

The complete summer schedule is as follows:

1974 Conference Center Schedule

GLORIETA		RIDGECREST	
June 1-7	Youth Choir Festival	June 8-14	Student Week
June 8-14	Church Training Youth Conference	June 15-21	Church Recreation Conference
June 15-21	Church Training Leadership Conference Youth Leadership Conference Vocational Guidance Lab	June 22-28	Music Leadership Conference
June 22-28	Joint Church Training and Sunday School Conference	June 29 - July 5	Foreign Missions Conference
June 29 - July 5	Sunday School Leadership Conference Youth Bible Conference Mentally Retarded Conference	July 6-12	Church Training Leadership Conference Youth Leadership Conference
July 6-12	Sunday School Leadership Conference Youth Bible Conference Conference of Sunday School Workers with Deaf	July 13-19	Church Training Leadership Conference Youth Leadership Conference Mentally Retarded Conference
July 13-19	Music Leadership Conference	July 20-26	Sunday School Leadership Conference Mentally Retarded Conference
July 20-26	WMU Conference		

July 27- Aug. 2	Bible-Preaching Conference Church Administration Conference Church & Denominational Statistics & History Church Library Conference Church Recreation Conference Day Care/Kindergarten Conference Christian Sex Education Workshop Christian Life Conference	July 27- Aug. 2	Sunday School Leadership Conference Conference for Sunday School with Deaf
August 3-9	Home Missions Conference	Aug. 3-9	WMU Conference
Aug. 9-14	Foreign Missions Conference	Aug. 10-16	Bible-Preaching Conference Youth Bible Conference Church Administration Conference Church & Denominational Statistics & History Church Library Conference Day Care/Kindergarten Conference Christian Sex Education Workshop Christian Life Conference
Aug. 14-19	Student Week	Aug. 17-23	Home Missions Conference
Aug. 30 - Sept. 2	Single Adult Conference	Aug. 24-29	Senior Adult Conference
		Aug. 30 - Sept. 2	Single Adult Conference

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EDITORIAL

"Believe . . . Study . . . Preach" The Word

Paul's word to Timothy, the young preacher whom he loved so much, was very clear: "Study" the Word; "Preach the Word." And while he did not say it directly, he clearly was emphasizing "Believe" the Word.

What a message to the young Timothys (and older ones, too) of today! "Believe" the Word! "Study" the Word! "Preach the Word!"

The world and the church have no greater need.

Last week we had the privilege of sitting in a service listening to one of the great Bible teachers of this generation. What a refreshing experience it was. This preacher simply opened the Bible and began to reveal to his audience what it was saying. How our hearts burned within us, as we heard what God was saying "to us." This man "believed" the Word; he had carefully "studied" the Word, and he was "preaching the Word."

All too often today, the Timothys, and the Pauls too, are deficient in the Word. They remind us of an experience that came to Dwight L. Moody, that completely changed his life and ministry. It resulted from his meeting

with the young Englishman, Henry Moorhouse. This young preacher had become a mighty power in England in his day, simply by preaching "Just the Word." In the book "Bush Aglow," Richard L. Day says of him, "No one cared enough about the 'little runt' to suggest a course of study. So he kept to just the Word; soaked it up; flavored himself therewith to the fingertips. Within four years, he was a bright and shining light. Men from every strata, burly colliers or brainy courtiers, sat spellbound before him."

"When he met Moody in England in 1867, he loved him at once, but saw that he was deficient in the Word. . . . He trailed Moody back to Chicago. . . . He frankly told D. L. 'You're on the wrong tack'; then proved it by some spectacular meetings in Moody's church. Moody had that same savage annoyance that the rest of us feel when we collide with men of that type; but Moody had the grace to snap out of it."

He learned that to become a man of the Word "meant patient, ceaseless, determined struggle." He "awoke to the startling truth that no man can possibly tell what the Bible teaches until he has a lawyer's accuracy in quoting

exactly what it says — reels of it; pages of it! And his heart smote him to think of the farcial character of his preaching, when he had a vast amount to say about a text, which to save his life he couldn't accurately quote."

Mr. Day, writing of Moody's preaching before this experience which changed his life says, "There was a wide time when he used texts as cotton cords upon which to string his pretty glass beads." After this experience with Moorhouse, Moody's ministry changed, and he became a "preacher of the Word." And the world sat up and listened!

Great Bible teachers of today, still remind us of the same lesson. As they open the Word of God to us, they reveal, that in the Word is everything we need for modern Christian living. . . . everything. . . for the gospel proclamation, for the church, for the home, for daily living, for spiritual growth.

This is a day when preachers and teachers alike need to "Believe. . . study. . . preach" the Word of God.

Demons And Demonology

In this issue we begin a series of four articles on demons and demonology, written by Dr. John Newport, a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Dr. Newport was at one time pastor of First Church, Clinton.

About two years ago Broadman Press published a book by Dr. Newport with the title "Demons, Demons, Demons." Now, at the request of the Southern Baptist Press Association, he has prepared this series of articles for use in Southern Baptist publications. They will appear in the Baptist Record for four consecutive weeks.

There is a widespread interest in the subject of demons right now. Numerous books and articles have been written about them. Moving pictures and television programs have taken the subject directly and indirectly to many more people than ever before. The movie "The Exorcist" is being shown across the nation. There is Satan worship and even Satan churches exist in many places.

In the light of this widespread interest, and the large amount of erroneous and false teaching which is appearing, Baptist editors have felt that objective material written by some able and trusted Southern Baptist theologian, was needed to give proper interpretation of the subject for our Baptist readers. The result is this special series.

We are confident that the articles will be helpful to those who are seeking to understand the demon problem in the light of the Scriptures. Such knowledge can prevent serious problems in individual lives and even in churches. We hope that you will read the series, call attention of others to them, and even clip and file them for future reference. The present situation may become worse before it gets better.

On The MORAL SCENE...

THE FIRE WE CAN LIGHT by Martin E. Marty (Doubleday & Co., 240 pp., \$5.95) Looking back at the turbulent and disappointing sixties, the author seeks to see what the church as an institution can do in this new decade.

JESUS — THE JEW'S JEW by Zola Levitt (Creation House, 106 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.45) The author, who is a Christian Jew, discusses the problems of and ways to give a Christian witness to the Jew. He shows that the fact that Jesus was a Jew and was the Messiah is a truth that can reach the Jews for Jesus if it is properly done. He discusses the work of the American Board of Missions to the Jews which has become so effective in its witness. A most helpful volume for those who would like to learn how to witness to Jewish friends.

WE CAN HAVE BETTER MARRIAGES IF WE REALLY WANT THEM by David and Vera Mace (Abingdon, \$5.95, 176 pp.) The Maces feel that marriages are failing today because the relationship is not close enough. Partners should be able to love each other and grow together without inhibiting personal development. The authors suggest that marriage enrichment groups are one answer to the problem. These groups grow, learn, and support each other under the supervision of trained married couples.

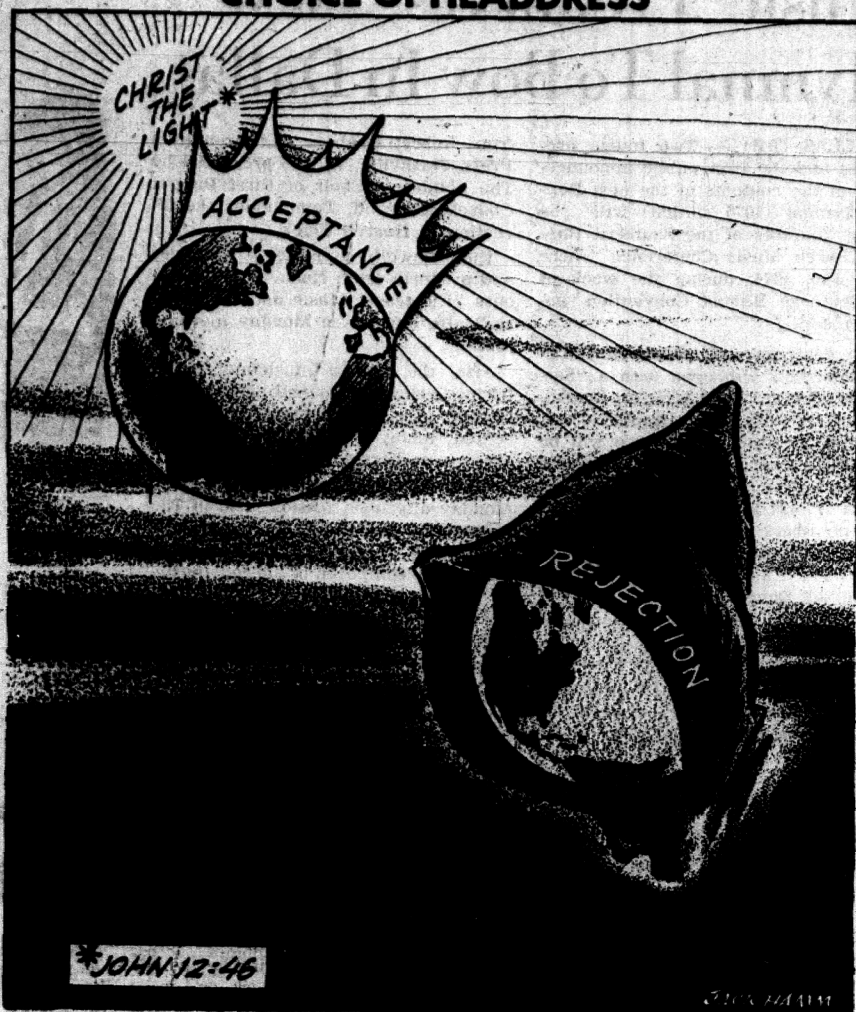
1000 AND ONE THOUGHTS FROM MY LIBRARY by Dwight L. Moody (Baker, \$5.95, 396 pp.) A collection of 1,001 quotations and illustrations, which Moody culled from the writings of spiritual giants such as Spurgeon, Phillips Brooks, Jeremy Taylor, G. Campbell Morgan, E. B. Meyer, Alexander McLaren, F. W. Robertson, and many others. An unusual feature is that the quotations are arranged canonically, as they would apply to Bible truths, from Genesis to Revelation.

Drunk Driving — "California sets the pace in automobile laws and practices simply because 10% of all the registered U.S. vehicles are in that state. . . . Drunk driving has become an increasing problem. . . . This has required new laws and sterner enforcement rules. . . . Patrol cars were ordered to become a part of the traffic flow where tipsy behavior can be more quickly spotted. Penalties have also been stiffened, the first offense drawing a \$300 fine, and that after a drying out period in jail. . . . Anyone arrested two or more times for drunk driving in a five-year period can draw from two days to one year in jail with a fine of \$250 to \$1,000 and the loss of a driving license for a year. Any judge imposing a lighter sentence must write a brief justifying it. . . . It is generally recognized that failure to enforce drunk driving laws has been due to the pressure of the well organized, highly financed liquor lobbies always active in state legislatures and around the courts. Only organized citizens' groups can create counter pressures, as many have." Between the Lines, February 1, 1974.

Lung Cancer — "Lung cancer in 1974 will kill approximately 75,000 persons in the U. S., some 60,000 men and 15,000 women. The increase among men is continuing at an alarming rate. It is the leading cause of male cancer deaths — the rate being 14 times greater than 40 years ago. This is largely preventable disease, since most lung cancer is caused by cigarette smoking." "75 Cancer Facts and Figures" American Cancer Society

WATCH YOUR TEACHING! by Stuart P. Garver (Christ's Mission, Inc., 275 State St., Hackensack, N. J., paper, 165 pp., \$2.95) This book sorts out the essential Roman Catholic doctrinal elements contained in the Documents of Vatican Council II in contrast with the general Protestant evangelical teaching on the same doctrines.

CHOICE OF HEADRESS



THE BAPTIST FORUM

Gives Suggestions

For Dealing With

"The Exorcist"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The movie, "The Exorcist," is scheduled to begin showing April 26, 1974, at the DEVILLE CINEMA THEATRE, DEVILLE PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER, 1-55 NORTH Jackson, Mississippi.

Undoubtedly you are aware that this movie, having been shown in other cities, has awakened in many viewers the feeling they are uncontrollably possessed by SATAN. A larger number are left in a state of confusion.

Some of these viewers are aware that through the power and presence of JESUS CHRIST they can overcome the power of SATAN.

Many are not aware the choice is theirs: TO CHOOSE JESUS CHRIST or to let SATAN overpower them and rule their lives — TODAY!

The showing of this movie affords the dedicated CHRISTIANS of the GREATER JACKSON AREA a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness for JESUS CHRIST AND HIS POWER TO OVERCOME THE POWER OF SATAN — TODAY!

Will you fellow CHRISTIANS pray about this opportunity, asking GOD to give us an effective plan of action?

Respectfully and prayerfully are suggested the following for your consideration and prayer:

1. Pray individually, in family worship, and in larger groups.
2. Have a trailer or other mobile facility in the DEVILLE PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER parking lot near the theatre entrance (with owners permission) offering information on "How to Deal With the Devil." Baptist Book Store has an effective book: "Dealing With the Devil," by C. S. Lovett.
3. Radio spot ads with facts
4. Newspaper ads with facts
5. TV spot ads with facts
6. Booklets available to give each ticket purchaser, with permission of theatre owner.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this rare opportunity to serve JESUS CHRIST.

David Lanham
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Oppose 'Social Experiments' In SBC

Dear Editor:

I am very disappointed in the contents of some of our Southern Baptist Convention publications, most especially the November, 1973 issue of Home Missions. I consider it a disgrace to our convention. Who is kidding whom? "White is white and black is black" and "Ne'er the twain shall meet."

First, we had to contend with "social experiments" in our schools and now we're being cursed with them in our Southern Baptist Convention.

I think the Home Mission Board and magazine should be scrapped if it requires that to keep our convention from being "torn asunder" by a "very" small group who, I think, have miscegenation and amalgamation of the races as their goal.

If such individuals, in the employ of our convention with their salaries paid out of our Cooperative Program funds, really had the interest of the Negro race at heart they would encourage them to have racial pride and want to prove that they have intelligence, leadership, dedication, etc. among their ranks enough to maintain their own churches as they have in the past.

The "experiment" has, in reality, destroyed the once great public school systems of the South first and now the North. Innumerable proud, quality education



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Do you ever feel like a little sparrow who has fallen?

Sometimes I do. Sometimes I feel like a little sparrow hovering on the ground where I fell while trying to fly — while trying to do something too big for me to do, trying to be a bigger, better person, and failing.

Like a little sparrow, hovering there, shaking, and vowing, "Never again will I try to do that. I'll be content to be plain, unsung me. I'll plod along doing little things, avoiding this fallen feeling."

Then I finally sense something hovering above me — it is the God I've been trying to fly for. He scoops me up, so to speak, and notes me "dece." His big hand smoothing my hair and rubbing my head. His voice quietly saying, "See? I told you you could not fall unnoticed. Come on, I'll help you fly again."

And off I go, knowing I'll fly higher than ever. And knowing, if I fall, how marvelous it is to feel like a sparrow.

"Cause I know Who is watching me — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

"Be not intimidated, therefore, by any terrors, from publishing with the utmost freedom whatever can be warranted by the laws of your country; nor suffer yourselves to be wheedled out of your liberty by any pretenses of politeness, delicacy or decency. These, as they are often used, are but three different names for hypocrisy, chicanery and cowardice." — John Adams

private schools have been built at considerable sacrifice from Texas to Florida to Virginia and even in Northern and Western states. But all feel the sacrifice is well worth it.

The Methodists and Presbyterians have become splinter groups now due to liberal encroachments. The same will happen in our Baptist denomination if common sense doesn't prevail. God forbid it.

The great First Baptist Church of Dallas led out with a multimillion dollar private school to preserve their heritage and have quality education in a Christian environment.

Donald Nunnery
Route 1, Box 122-A
Liberty, MS. 39645

Requests Prayer For Father

Dear Sir:

This is to request prayer from the readers of the Baptist Record for my father who has cancer.

Marshall Roberson, father of seven children, lives in Leland. We respect and appreciate all prayers of you Christian readers.

Mrs. Georgia Stewart
Rt. 2, Greenville

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Despite Injury, Lady Prof Treks To 36 Countries

By Marion Harvey Carroll

She hobbled on a swollen ankle for two months, battled African summer heat for eight hours while her "Lottie Moon" truck was stranded in sand, and slept in her petticoat in Iran when her luggage was lost for three days.

"Those were the incidentals that kept things from being monotonous," Dr. Helen Falls remarks drily, referring to her recent six-month sub-baltic trip.

Yet, if you ask her how her "vacation" was, she'll reply enthusiastically: "It was a dream experience."

And she doesn't mean a nightmare one. "It would take me a lifetime to share all my experiences," she says seriously.

Professor of missions at New Orleans Seminary, Dr. Falls traveled 59,760 miles to 36 countries as an envoy of the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board.

Purpose of her trek to Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe was to lead 526 missionaries in strategy conferences and to learn first-hand the subject she teaches.

Explaining her FMB assignment, she says: "Strategy is not outlining what you've already done — like writing an outline of a term paper after you've written the paper! Rather, it's seeing where you are, where you've been, and where you're going."

In the course of her travels — by horse, truck, jeep, car, and plane — the missions professor visited with pastors, Bible schools, extension centers, and theological seminaries. She also spoke before 125 audiences, ranging from a small family group in a mud hut to representatives of 17 nations gathered for morning worship services in the Brussels, Belgium, International Church.

Besides speaking engagements, she socialized with the missionaries at parties and teas, and visited with 100 NOBTS alumni and former students. "I've written over 200 thank-you notes to missionaries who entertained me," she declares.

As a visitor from "home," Dr. Falls was bombarded with questions about the States and with requests for rare items.

"Yes, I heard 'Watergate' mentioned everywhere," she conceded. "But the missionaries were more interested in news of theological education." Of particular interest to the overseas Baptists she says, were details of the Southern Baptist seminary's new doctor of ministry degree programs.

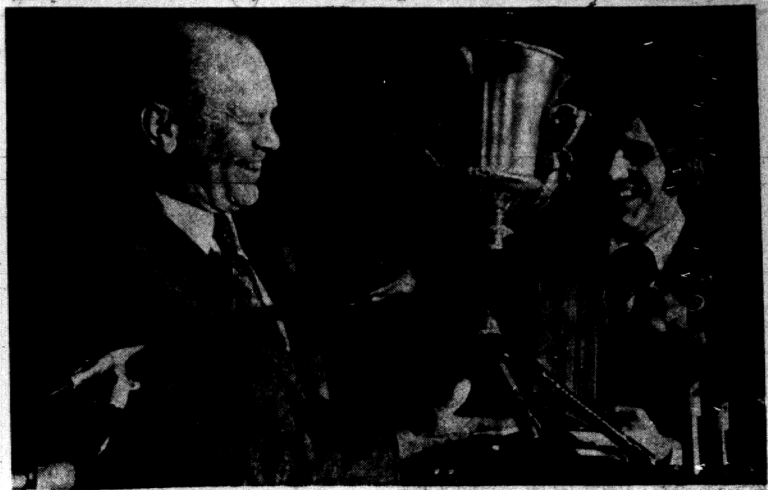
Culinary items headed the list of missionary requests. "What I wouldn't give for some good old Southern grits!" remarked a missionary to the Middle East. Another confessed a craving for New Orleans coffee and beignets (French doughnuts). An Ethiopian missionary lamented the lack of nuts for fancy cooking.

Since her return, the seminary professor has shipped grits, beignet mix, chicory coffee, pecans, and plastic cooking bags to her overseas friends.

"I've made lots of new friends and acquired many new 'nieces' and 'nephews,'" she smiles. "The high point of my trip was the fellowship I enjoyed with the missionary families."

What did she miss most while overseas? "Plain news from the States and from denominational papers," she replies. "I was on the pulpit committee at my church (First Baptist, New Orleans), but I didn't find out for a long time that the church had called a new pastor!"

The New Orleansian has begun her lifetime of sharing by speaking at Woman's Missionary Union conventions in Georgia and Maryland. In June she will assist with the FMB-sponsored Journeyman orientation program at Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C.



Gospel Films Give Achievement Award To V-P

Gospel Films' annual award for Christian Achievement was presented to Gerald R. Ford, the Vice-President of the United States, by Gospel Films' President Billy Zeoli at a recent luncheon in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The award carried the following citation:

To
Gerald R. Ford
Vice-President
of the United States of America
who has not waited for history to judge him
but with dedication, courage, and Christian integrity
serves faithfully in the place God has marked out for him
In every work that he began
In the service of the house of God,
In the law,
In the commandments, to seek his God
He did it with all his heart, and prospered.

II Chron. 31:21

The presentation of the award was a feature of the Vice-Presidential Prayer Luncheon which was attended by more than 1,000 business and professional leaders of Western Michigan. The luncheon, sponsored by Gospel Films, Inc., of Muskegon, Michigan, was held "to spark the minds of men to faith in God and prayer." In addition to the Vice-President and Billy Zeoli, other program personalities were Soloist Dave Boyer of York, Pennsylvania; Ford's son "Mike," a seminary student in Boston; and Miami Dolphin's All-Pro Tackle, Norm Evans.

Wives Earn Credit For Talking

The weary mother of an active two-year-old drags into the room and announces, "I'm ready to give him up!" The group laughs. One member whispers, "Sometimes I think she really means it."

Another member queries, "What do you do about a fourteen-year-old who's jealous of a one-year-old?"

Sharing problems — family, financial, church-related — is an integral part of the night course "Women in Christian Education" now in progress at New Orleans Seminary. "As a pastor's wife and a student wife, sometimes I feel my husband and I have unique problems," says Sandra (Mrs. Kenneth) Marler of Natchez, Miss. "But through this class I have found we are not so unique."

Louisianian Kathy (Mrs. Kenneth) Jordan of Tallulah agrees. "This class has helped me to realize that I'm not a black sheep or an oddball," she remarks.

Mrs. Marler and Mrs. Jordan are two of 29 women, ages 20-54, convening each Tuesday night for a session with Dr. Mildred Souther, associate professor of childhood education at the seminary.

Offered by the Seminary Extension Department, Southern Baptist Convention agency headquartered in Nashville, the class deals with the different roles enacted by a minister's wife: homemaker, helpmate, and hostess.

Upon completion of the eight-week course, each student will receive a grade and an SED certificate which can count on college work or on a seminary diploma program.

The members of the class, who represent 11 states, include two black ministers' wives from New Orleans, Mrs. Dorothy Haughton and Mrs. Trava Celestrand.

"I've been teaching the course for seven or eight years," says Dr. Souther, who claims she was chosen teacher when the class first began because she was the only married woman on the faculty. And, naturally, to teach a course that discusses the role of a minister's wife, "You have to be married!"

Informality, fellowship, and practical ideas mark the group sessions. Set within the framework of women in the Bible and in Christian history, the class features such contemporary topics as women in leadership, home, and church positions.

"I want them to see the importance of their role as ministers' wives, deepened by the understanding of the historical role of women," comments the teacher. "For example, did you know that Miriam was a general and Deborah a judge?"

"Yes," she continues, warming to her subject, "women in biblical times

had responsibilities outside the home, too."

At each class meeting one member delivers a brief devotional, while another reviews a book of her choice. Both activities afford the wives opportunity to polish their public speaking.

Chestine (Mrs. James) Honeycutt of Mobile, Ala., sums up the main objective of the course: "This class has helped me to have a better opinion of myself as a woman, wife, and mother."

Forming a good self-concept enables the student to understand the importance of her job as helpmate, homemaker, and hostess, explains Dr. Souther. Her ultimate goal is to help the women "feel good" about being married to religious workers.

Spiritual growth is also an important by-product of the course. Barbara (Mrs. Edward) Pogue of Ackerman, Miss., expresses the sentiments of her fellow classmates as she remarks, "Every Tuesday night after this class I feel so close to the Lord."

Other Mississippians attending the class include Norma (Mrs. Gary) Bowlin of McComb, Caroline (Mrs. Roderick) Conerly of Osyka, Nancy (Mrs. Joseph) Knight of State Springs, Miss., and Ronald (Mrs. Stanley) Stacey of West Point, Miss. (Mrs. "Dolly" Warren of Clinton, and Frances (Mrs. Alan) Woodward of Hattiesburg.

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Vietnam Missionary Deplores Unfairness

By Marion Harvey Carroll

"It's not fair!" exclaimed Herman P. Hayes, pictured, missionary to South Vietnam. "Only five percent of the world population lives in America, yet 97 percent of all Southern Baptist preachers stay here."

The statistics he quotes have special significance for the native Louisiana, who left a comfortable pastorate at South McComb Church, McComb, to pioneer mission work in South Vietnam. He and his wife Dottie were assigned to the field in 1959.

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Every Week They Have A 'Deacon' Meeting

By Tim Nicholas
for Baptist Press

Bozeman, Montana, thinks small. Its thinking has affected Kirkwood Baptist Church, the town's only Southern Baptist congregation, which has only one deacon. "Every week we have a 'deacon' meeting," laughs John Lane, pastor of the 150-member church.

Bozeman is in south central Montana, 90 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. It's the kind of town that residents would like to keep a secret — because it's that good.

"People here in Bozeman will stop a litterer and ask him — politely — to go back and pick up his mess," Lane reports.

"And they look out for their children too," Lane says. Residents of Bozeman insisted on and got G-rated movies in theaters on Saturdays all summer.

Once the Bozeman city council tried to get the road signs leading to Yellowstone taken down so people wouldn't come through Bozeman.

"A lot of people want to keep this area small to keep out corruption," says Bud Sievert, a Kirkwood member.

The town of 18,000 (plus 8,200 students at Montana State University here) boasts a small crime rate. "Not that many roads a bank robber could get out on," Sievert says.

Since coming to Bozeman from Daytona Beach, Fla., to be pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church, John Lane hasn't adopted the usual "wait-

and-see" attitude toward newcomers that most Bozeman residents have.

Rather, his relaxed manner and the fact that he looks as natural hunting deer in his cowboy hat and fleeced coat as he does preaching in his Sunday coat and tie, helps him make friends quickly.

"John is reaching everybody, Bozemanites and students alike," says Sievert.

Lane serves as volunteer director of the Baptist Student Union at the University there. Not only do the students boost attendance at Kirkwood church, but until the energy crunch, they formed a major part of a ministry in White Sulphur Springs, a town 100 miles north of Bozeman.

Lane started the mission ministry after a visit with a rancher while hunting in the White Sulphur Springs area.

"The rancher asked me, 'Why is it that people on ranches have to go to hell because they don't have time to go into the cities to go to church?' I had no answer, and when the opportunity to begin the ministry came along, I jumped at it."

Each week Lane and a group of students would travel to the little town to hold worship services in an Episcopal church. Attendance ranged from zero to twenty. Now another Baptist church holds services there.

Where hard times and the small size of his church would force other pastors with a wife and five children to look for part-time work, Lane has remained a full-time pastor.

"We never have a guarantee on salary," he says.

His wife Helen works as a dentist's receptionist. They also grow garden vegetables, and "so far our income has been very stable," says Lane.

The people of Bozeman have accepted Lane. He has even become an unofficial hospital chaplain and regularly visits the sick. "But since I've been here not one member of our church has been sick," he says smiling.

Bozeman doesn't accept all outsiders so eagerly.

Last summer a youth group came from out of state to hold Vacation Bible Schools and a revival in Bozeman. The last night of the revival a Bozemanite (not a church member) stood and asked if he could say something to the youth group.

He said the people of Bozeman didn't need any help in missions so "Why don't you go home?" the man concluded.

Not everyone is so anxious to get rid of outsiders, but almost everybody jokes about it.

When 5,000 members of the Air-Stream Campers group came in to Bozeman for their annual convention last summer, Sievert reports that "A friend said it would be nice if we could have a snowstorm to show them what winter is like."

Sure enough, on Sunday morning, June 17, it snowed two inches on downtown Bozeman, Sievert said.

Baptists In Jackpot, Nevada, To Leave Casino, Build A Church

JACKPOT, Nev. (RNS) — The odds are that a group of Baptists here won't be worshipping much longer in a gambling casino's cocktail lounge.

They will soon get a new church donated by gambling interests in Jackpot and from Southern Baptists in North Carolina.

"We're tickled to death," says Rev. Robert C. Schreckenberg, pastor of the Eastside Baptist church of Twin Falls, Idaho. He has been conducting a Sunday school in the Horseshoe Club lounge at Cactus Pete's Casino — on Tuesdays.

Mr. Schreckenberg said a group of churchmen from the Asheville-Mars Hill, N.C. area plan to travel by caravan to Jackpot in late Spring or early Summer to erect a \$50,000 chapel.

The North Carolina group, he said, is headed by businessman Dan Young and Rev. E. J. Jenkins, an area superintendent of missions.

The plot of ground will be paid for primarily by Albert H. Huber, president of Cactus Pete's, and a "sizeable donation" is also expected from LaVelle Barton, owner of the Club 93 Casino in Jackpot, Mr. Schreckenberg said.

He said the chapel, a 36 by 70 foot frame structure, will be built in about six days. The crew will come at its own expense. Most of the money for the chapel was raised in North Carolina, he said.

Until the chapel is completed, once a week the "Closed for Church" sign will hang over the arched brick door-

way leading into the casino lounge and 50 to 55 children and adults will file past a battery of slot machines to worship.

"I'm sure God has no objection to our meeting place, as long as we are delivering the Gospel," the pastor said.

Asked how he and his denomination felt about gambling, Mr. Schreckenberg said:

"I'm sure the church opposes it. I'm sure the folks down in North Carolina oppose it. I don't think it is right. But we never criticize the establishment. They know where we stand. Mr. Huber and Mr. Barton know how we feel. We don't preach the negative. We've got something more positive to preach, and that's Jesus Christ."



John Lane, pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church in Bozeman, Mont., enjoys June fishing trip in the Jim Bridger Mountains near Bozeman with his sons.

Spiritual Awakening Cracks Barriers In Sierra Leone

By Robert O'Brien

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (BP) — A remarkable series of events, culminating in the largest evangelistic crusade in Sierra Leone's history, has sparked a spiritual awakening which observers feel will have a long range impact on this West African country.

The New Life Crusade here, preached by Billie Hanks Jr. of Fort Worth, Tex., a Southern Baptist who has gained a reputation as America's youngest international evangelist, resulted in 1,368 professions of faith in Jesus Christ and 2,600 other decisions.

By Western standards, those statistics rank as good, but are not unprecedented. But local Christians and missionary representatives in Freetown, the capital city of Sierra Leone, view it as phenomenal for their tiny West African nation.

Sierra Leone was actually the first

African nation to hear the Christian gospel, beginning in the late 1700's when Britain set up Freetown as a haven for freed slaves.

But, after a period of missionary activity, evangelistic fervor waned, church growth atrophied and most congregations retreated into dry formalism. They made little impact on a culture dominated by Islam, animistic spirit worship and secret devil societies.

Against this background, Hanks began the 12-day crusade in Brookfields Stadium. In a country where few people own automobiles, 20,000 persons came to hear the evangelist's spirited, Bible-based messages.

On the final night, a peak attendance of 4,000, including the Anglican Archbishop of West Africa and Sierra Leone's minister of labor, turned out to hear the "old time gospel."

But a series of seemingly unrelated events had converged in remarkable fashion and worked together to make that moment possible.

Hanks, who received much of his early training assisting in Billy Graham crusades around the world, credits the crusade's success to a year of preparation by local Christians. The 29-year-old president of International Evangelism Association, Fort Worth, has traveled in 64 countries.

The Minnesota Bible Fellowship helped pave the way into the schools by providing Christian books for their libraries and distributed 3,000 free books in the Freetown area.

Arthur Blessitt, Southern Baptist, also played an integral — though unexpected — role in preparing for the crusade. About a year before it began, he arrived by boat, unannounced, with an index finger pointed heavenward, a landrover and a cross.

Breaching one way through Jesus, he shouldered his now famous cross and followed the landrover up and down the tiny nation's roads, including tactless winding roads of the primitive outcountry. Behind him he left Jesus stickers, one way with Jesus tee shirts, his "Jesus yell" and, according to missionaries, excited young converts for them to work with in the crusade preparation.

"Blessitt came just at the right moment," said Johannes Hagen, a European Baptist Mission Society missionary and chairman of New Life for All (Sierra Leone has no Southern Baptist missionaries). "But then everything that has happened has prepared us for great spiritual results especially Billie Hanks' emphasis on Christian discipleship training as an inseparable part of evangelism."

Names In The News

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Myers, Alta Woods Church, Jackson; Dr. and Mrs. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson; and Dr. Robert Shurden, Clinton, attended the Christian Life Commission Seminar on Economics in Houston, Tex., recently.

Larry P. Browne and Glenn Fekken were ordained as deacons March 31 by the Hickory Grove Church near Sumrall. Rev. Odell Tebo is the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lowrey Cooper, missionaries to Argentina, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 204 Guittard, Waco, Tex. 76706).

Rev. Donny Magers, pictured, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Magers of Tupelo, has been called as pastor's assistant and youth director for First Church, Sumrall. Mr. Magers is a student at William Carey College and is married to the former Linda Moser of Tupelo. He has served as pastor of the Lincoln City Baptist Mission in Lincoln City, Oregon and pastor's assistant of Calvary Church in Newport, Oregon. Rev. Don Nerren is pastor of First Church, Sumrall.

Miss Rachel DuBard, missionary associate to Liberia, has completed orientation and may be addressed at Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia.

Tracy Martin, pictured, recently accepted the call to the gospel ministry. Age 33, he is owner of an electronics business in Pascagoula. He enrolled in college at mid-term working toward the completion of his formal training. He preached his first sermon March 17, 1974 and his first convert was his 13-year-old daughter, Michelle. The church gave him the privilege of baptizing her on April 7. Available for supply or pastoral work, he is highly recommended by his pastor, Dr. Allen O. Webb.

John C. and Elizabeth Scott, Baptist Bible Institute seniors, Graceville, Fla., will begin work with the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village, June 15. He is a native of Richmond, Texas, and she is from Brunswick, Maine, and a former WAC. They expect to graduate, May 31, with the BBI diploma in religious education and she with the diploma in music. They have no children of their own, but will serve as house parents. He will also work in maintenance and she will assist with music training for the children. Part of their agreement with the Village is that each has a full scholarship to Mississippi College.

Rev. Tom Warrington became assistant pastor on April 1, at First, Columbus. He comes from Canal Blvd. Church in New Orleans where he was assistant pastor. Called to preach while a senior at Belhaven, he graduated from New Orleans Seminary in December 1973. His parents are Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Warrington, Sr. of Jackson. He is married to the former Sandra Dill of West Point. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Church of Jackson. At the Columbus church, he will be in charge of youth and outreach. Dr. Joe McKeever is pastor.

David L. Wallace, son of Rev. and Mrs. Taylor H. Wallace of Enterprise, was ordained to the gospel ministry recently by Enterprise Church upon request of the Village Church, Morganfield, Kentucky, where he was recently called as the first pastor of the new church. David, a student at Southern Seminary, will receive the M. Div. degree in December of this year. A graduate of Mississippi College, he is married to the former Vicki Keeling of Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Sandy Coutoumanos, a senior organ major at Blue Mountain, appeared in a select recital in Jackson, on April 19. Mr. Ludlow, Associate Professor of Organ announced that Sandy



The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Computer User's Association in Dallas elected these officers: Left to right: Roy Stewart, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, program vice president; Bettie M. Stevens, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville, membership vice president; Lynn E. May, Jr., SBC Historical Commission, Nashville, secretary-treasurer; and Harvey H. Kennedy, SBC Annuity Board, Dallas, president. Kennedy is showing officers the IBM computer in which two million Annuity Board records are stored.

had been selected to be on a program consisting of Organ Majors from various colleges throughout the state. Mrs. Coutoumanos, formerly Sandy Freeman, lives in New Albany. The recital was presented by the Jackson Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Jackson.

William Carey College annual Student Government Association elections were held on the Hattiesburg campus and Lee Bullock, junior from Columbia, was elected president for the 1974-75 school year. Bullock, an unusual

student in a number of ways, is totally deaf. In spite of his handicap he has been a student leader throughout his school years in academics, in sports, and in

leadership. In 1973 he was presented with a special "Spirit of Aspiration" award. The son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bullock of Columbia, he is majoring in mathematics and minoring in business administration.



Rev. Clarence Edward Crabtree, left, was ordained March 24 to the gospel ministry by Harmony Church (Winston). Rev. Tommy Jones, Harmony pastor, is at right. Mr. Crabtree is now pastor of Winston Church in Winston Association. He is married to the former Maxine Williamson and they have three daughters.



Blue Mountain College recently elected officers for the Student Government Association during the next school year and they include (from left) Linda Nolan, vice-president, of Pittsboro; Robin Smith, treasurer, of Picayune; Ann McKinney, president, of Fayetteville, Tenn. and Barbara Goddard, secretary, of Booneville.

Carey Announces Third Summer Of Free-Throw

FREE-THROW, a special William Carey College program for high school juniors will be holding its third annual session this summer, according to officials of the school.

During two separate 5-week summer terms it will be possible for high school juniors to "try out" college life and to earn up to 12 semester hours of college credit. This credit will be held until the student enrolls in college and asks that it be applied to his permanent record.

"High School juniors with an overall high school average of C or better and - or a satisfactory ACT score," commented Academic Vice-president J. M. Ernest, "are eligible for Free-Throw." In addition they must be recommended by their high school principals. The cost for each

five-week session will be a \$10.00 application fee only. There is no tuition charge until the student elects to record the course at a later date when he enters college. "If he does not choose to record the course, or if he fails the course, no harm has been done and there is no charge or no record kept," commented Dr. Ernest.

Dormitory and cafeteria costs for those staying on campus will be \$30 per week. All facilities are air-conditioned and Morrison's Food Service is in charge of the Wilkes Dining Hall operations.

According to Dr. Ernest there is one additional advantage offered to Free-Throw students: if they choose to attend Carey for their freshman year, the summer 1974 credits will be recorded free of charge at the end of the year.

Free-Throw students are allowed to take any summer school courses that are open to freshmen. A list of these is available from the Office of the Vice-president or from Dr. Jerry Oswalt, counselor for the Free-Throw program and Chaplain of the college. Courses include offerings in all of the major academic areas. Most popular usually are the core courses such as Freshman English, Western Civilization, Fundamentals of Mathematics, Biblical Studies, etc.

"There is absolutely no academic or monetary risk in the Free-Throw program," advised Dr. Oswalt. "It provides a student with an excellent opportunity to try out college without risking having low grades entered on his permanent record. If he is successful he gains credits, if not, he loses nothing."

The two summer sessions are scheduled as follows: June 3 - July 5 and July 8 - August 9. Further information may be had by writing or phoning the Office of the Academic Vice-president.

Indian Springs To Dedicate Building On Church's 120th Anniversary

The Indian Springs Church, Rt. 5, Indian Springs Road, Laurel, will observe her 120th anniversary and formally dedicate the east wing education facilities and remodeled auditorium on Sunday, May 5. Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, will preach the anniversary sermon. The theme for the day will be: "Springs of Living Water" taken from John 4:14 TEV.

The noon meal will be served at the church. The afternoon service will feature historical highlights of the church, followed with the formal dedication. All former pastors, members and friends are invited. Members of the Anniversary - Dedication Committee are: Mrs. Willie Meador, Sr., Mrs. Donice Collins, Mrs. Myron Stringer, and Jewel Grafton. Rev. Wade Allen is the pastor.

58 Team Members Work At Second Church, Greenville, In Lay Renewal Weekend

Second Church, Greenville, experienced a most successful Lay Renewal Weekend on April 5-7. Most of the members who attended the "Renewal Weekend" rededicated their lives to Christ and this emphasis united the church in a strong bond of Christian love. The membership saw Christianity at work in two of its most important areas: (1) sharing Christ with others and (2) expressing Christian love one to another.

up of 58 team members from all over the state. Most of the group came from Jones County. The Renewal Weekend was coordinated by Vendell Graham of Moss, and Rev. Roy D. Raddin, pastor of Second Church, Greenville.

In addition to a great host of rededications, there were eight people who made a public profession of faith in Christ.

Pastor Raddin said it would be impossible to put into words the unspeakable blessings and spiritual victories won for Christ during the Lay Renewal Weekend.



Rev. Adkins is pictured at left with Tom Havard, Sunday School Superintendent, showing visible record of their success.

Rocky Creek Breaks Record; Exceeds 400 For Three Sundays

Rev. Sonny Adkins, pastor of Rocky Creek Church, Rt. 4, Lucedale, designated March 31 as Plus One Sunday. Each Sunday School class was asked to try to have their total enrollment plus one present for this special day. Rev. Adkins said of the results:

"Plus One Sunday at Rocky Creek Church was a huge success when we exceeded our goal of 300 by 70. We believe the attendance of 470 is a state record in Sunday School for a rural church. Not only did we exceed 400 on Plus One Sunday March 31, but on April 7 we had 400 and on April 14 we had 417. These three Sundays mark the first time in Rocky Creek history that we exceeded 400. We believe that Plus One Sunday pays dividends, not only in high attendance, but also in additions since we recorded 25 additions to our church during the three-week period. Twenty of these came on professions of faith. We heartily recommend Plus One Sunday to our fellow Mississippi Baptist churches."

Blue Mountain Plans Fourth Basketball Camp

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Junior high Camp (Grades 7-8-9) will be held during the week of July 7-13, 1974. The Senior High Camp (Grades 10-11-12) will be held during the week of July 14-20, 1974.

If interested, the prospective camper should send a deposit of \$10.00 to hold her place at camp. They will welcome any number from any school. The camp is accredited both by the Mississippi High School Activities Association and the Mississippi Private School Association.

For further inquiries, write to Miss Mari Hubbard, Box 105, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi 38610, or call Collect Phone, 662-5711, Ext. 44.

SPECIAL TV AWARD - The Board of National Ministries, American Baptist Churches, USA and the American Jewish Committee recently presented the 1973 Special TV Award to "The Walton," a CBS TV series. James A. Christison, Executive Secretary, N.M. ABC, USA and the Rabbi James Rudin, American Jewish Committee, presented the engraved plaque for the episode "The Ceremony" to the Executive Producer of the show, Lee Rich and Earl Hammer, Jr., chief writer.



MISSISSIPPIANS GET TOGETHER

FORT WORTH, Tex. - Five businessmen, friends since they all were students at Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss., met for lunch recently at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, Texas. From left are Dr. Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio-TV Commission; Dr. Dotson M. Nelson, pastor, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. James Nelson (no relation), a Dallas, Texas, dentist; W. D. Hilton of Collins-Hilton Furniture Co., Greenville, Texas, and Dr. Alvin "Bo" Huffman Jr., executive vice president of the Radio-TV Commission. Dr. Huffman is formerly of Blytheville, Ark. - Radio-TV Commission Photo.

J. D. Aycock To Retire From Pastorate After 20 Years At Broadmoor, Gulfport

Dr. J. D. Aycock, for twenty years and eight months, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Gulfport, is retiring from the full-time pastoral ministry. He and Mrs. Aycock will make their home in Gulfport, residing at 1205 - 32nd Avenue.

Born at Troy, Miss., Dr. Aycock was reared in Tupelo and attended the public schools there. He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and did post graduate work with the University of Chicago, Mississippi State University, and

New Orleans Seminary. In 1960, the Mississippi Baptist Seminary conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

During his pastoral years, he has served his denomination as a member of the Board of Trustees of William Carey College, for six years; a member of the Committee on Order of Business for the Mississippi Baptist State Convention for three years; Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Gulfport Center, for ten years; moderator of Gulf Coast Association for two years; and chairman of many associational committees.

He has led congregations in the building of three houses of worship.

The value of the church property when he came to Broadmoor was \$35,000. Through enlargement and expansion, the church property is valued today at \$225,000.

In addition to his pastoral work he served, in his early years, as teacher, librarian, and coach in the public school system in the state.

Before Gulfport, his former pastorate was at Tucker's Crossing, Laurel, and Mount Vernon Church, Jasper County.

Mrs. Aycock was before marriage Gertrude Lamberson of Cleveland, Miss. They have three children, Raymond Lamar, Gulfport; Gwendolyn (Mrs. Kurt J. Degerlund), Madrid, Spain; and Nancy (Mrs. Gene Pope), Clinton.

Clergy Invited To Special Economic Education Conf.

Clergy of all faiths have the opportunity to attend a special economic education conference slated May 20-21 at the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park campus.

Scholarships will be available for about 40 ministers, covering room, board and tuition. These are provided by businesses and labor organizations throughout Mississippi.

Dr. Jack C. Wimberly, co-director, should be contacted for an application. His address is Box 72, Southern Station, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401.

The purpose of the conference - in its seventh year - is to provide an opportunity for clergy to learn the fundamentals of analyzing economic issues.

Lectures will cover such topics as Poverty Problems and Income Distribution, Religion and the Free Enterprise System, The Philosophy of Capitalism, Other Economic Systems, Labor and Management, Energy

Crisis, Current Economics Problems, The Mississippi Clergy Economic Education Conference is one of many held throughout the nation under the auspices of the Clergy Economic Education Foundation.

Vonda Van Dyke To Be Guest At First, Biloxi

April 28 will be Glory Day at First Church, Biloxi. Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor.

Vonda Kay Van Dyke, a former Miss America, now professional entertainer, using ventriloquism and singing, will be their special guest during Sunday School and will give her testimony for Christ at 9:45 a.m. The Villagers, an ensemble from the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson, will sing.

An attendance goal of 750 has been set for Sunday School.

State Mission Tour To Be May 20-21

A tour of the mission points in Mississippi is being sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The areas of work to be visited during the two-day tour are the language missions areas, the pioneer missions areas, and the resort ministries sections of the state.

A chartered bus will depart from the Baptist Convention in Jackson on Monday, May 20, at 9 a.m. and will be traveling to Greenwood, Clarksdale, Hattiesburg, Philadelphia, and Morton before returning to Jackson on Thursday, May 21, at 5 p.m. Arrangements have been made for the group to spend the night on Monday night in Southaven.

The cost for the trip is \$5 registration plus four meals enroute and one night's lodging.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to visit the mission points in Mississippi, send your \$5 registration fee to either Miss Ethel McKeithen, Woman's Missionary Union, or to Mr. Paul Harrell, Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

Youth Present Easter Drama At Walnut Grove

Mrs. Carolyn Dawson, music director, Walnut Grove Church, directed the presentation of the Easter drama, "I Am - Always." The youth choir furnished the music and also served as voices of the crowd.

Characters were Tony Henry as Jesus, Stanley Buckle as Pilate, Reggie Daugherty as Judas, H. P. Post as the soldier, Debbie Richmond as Mary, Sherry Starling as Mary Magdalene, Dalton Gomillion as the man in the crowd, and Donna Dawson as the angel at the tomb.

Mrs. Kay Henry had charge of costumes and Thomas Starling was in charge of sound and props.

Rev. Wilbur Walters, pastor, read the Luke account of the Easter message.

A Strategy For The Christian World Mission

By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 15:36 to 16:40

Paul and Barnabas were men whose hearts burned with the zeal of missionary purpose and commitment. Their first tour had made a thrust into the Gentile world. They were now ready and eager to launch out into new territory to proclaim the gospel. Their disagreement about John Mark was not allowed to defeat their purpose. Instead, they resolved the problem amicably and went on separate missions. Paul was led into Europe, and thus the Christian movement had its major advance toward the West. From this point to the close of the book of Acts, Luke concentrates on Paul's ministry among the Gentiles, which reveals something of the apostle's imperial vision to plant churches throughout the Roman world.

A strategy for the Christian world mission calls for competent and dedicated workers, harmonious relationships, and concern to go forward under the Spirit's leadership. Such a strategy will insure progress for the gospel now, as it did in the time of Paul.

The Lesson Explained

BACK TO THE MISSION FIELD

After the Jerusalem conference, Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch and were busily engaged in teaching and preaching the Word. Paul's passion, however, was for the mission field of Asia Minor. He, therefore, proposed that they visit the churches established on the first missionary tour. Barnabas agreed readily but wanted to take John Mark again. Sharp contention resulted about this. Mark had left them at Perga on the first tour — just why, it is not certain, though Paul clearly thought Mark had been a quitter. Barnabas was determined to give him another chance. The two missionaries separated, Barnabas taking Mark and going to Cyprus and Paul choosing Silas and going to the churches of Syria and Cilicia and on to Derbe and Lystra. The fact that Paul and Barnabas went separate ways turned out for more missionary work. Mark did make good, later winning Paul's hearty commendation and becoming a valuable associate of Paul.

NEW MISSIONARY RECRUIT

(16:1-5)
At Lystra Paul found a promising recruit for missionary service. He enlisted Timothy, whom he had previously led to Christ, to become his

companion. Timothy later became one of Paul's most highly esteemed and responsible colleagues. He was a son of a mixed marriage, his father being a Gentile. Almost certainly, his mother and grandmother became believers in Christ at the time of Paul's first visit to Lystra. The fact that Timothy was known as a disciple and was highly regarded by the other Christians implies that Timothy had become a believer at the time of Paul's earlier visit. The reference to circumcision in connection with Timothy shows that Paul was anxious to insure acceptance of Timothy by the Jews. Paul's vision of the missionary task must have gripped Timothy and inspired his wholehearted dedication. This daring young man would prove his capacity for hardship and fidelity in missionary service.

RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF EUROPE (16:6-10)

It seems clear that Paul's main objective, after a ministry with young churches already established, was to preach in the province of Asia, the capital of which was the city of Ephesus. The Holy Spirit, however, forbade the pursuit of this objective. Then Paul sought to turn to the north into Bithynia. But again he was hindered by the Spirit. Obviously, Paul was consciously striving to know the mind of the Spirit and to follow

his leading. Paul was unwilling to turn back, so that he took the open way forward and came to Troas, a historic city on the Aegean Sea, facing toward Europe. Here Paul had his vision of the man in Macedonia calling for help. The apostle understood this to be a revelation of God's will. The earnest entreaty of the man of Macedonia was the cry of Europe for the gospel.

The remaining part of our larger Bible lesson tells the thrilling story of the beginning of the Christian witness in Philippi, a city of much importance and a Roman colony — this

means that its citizens had Roman citizenship. The conversion of Lydia and members of her household and of the Philippian jailer with members of his family marked the beginning of a church destined to become very dear to Paul and an active supporter of his work. The severity of persecution experienced by Paul and Silas was compensated by great joy in the power of the gospel. It is important to note the "we" in verse 10. Luke had joined the missionary party. He was a physician and perhaps had already ministered to Paul in some sickness.

Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference

Initiates Devotional Programs On Radio

Rev. E. L. Howell, state Brotherhood director, Miss. Baptist Convention Bd., Jackson, and Howard Carpenter, President of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference of Senatobia, announce The Devotional Plan.

Nineteen radio stations over the state are carrying these three, four, and five minute devotionals daily, and other stations will add devotionals to their daily schedules in the near future.

Mr. Howell and Mr. Carpenter,

along with other laymen, will prepare the first supply of devotionals.

Laymen who will help in preparing these are J. W. Kellum of Tutwiler, Dr. Jack Sartin of Clarksdale, Marvin in Graham of Mt. Olive, J. P. Coleman of Ackerman, Max Hodges, George Lipe and Hiram Boone of Indianola, Kermit Cofer of Water Valley, Charles Crabb of Booneville, James Brewer of Senatobia, Gene C. Triggs of Yazoo City, Park Chittom of Indianola, and Perry Spraberry of Eupora.

Mr. Carpenter said "We believe this program will grow and we are thrilled over its possibilities. A list of stations and time of pro-

Chevrolet Company Gives Station Wagon To Tunica Pastor

The Jack Roberts Chevrolet-Buick Co., Inc. has made a gift of a new station wagon for the use of the pastor of Tunica Baptist Church, Rev. Pat Nowell.

The church has voted that an expression of gratitude be placed in the church minutes. A letter of appreciation to Jack Roberts stated that this gift would help the pastor greatly in ministering to the spiritual and personal needs of the church members and of the community, and by increasing the effectiveness of the pastor would increase the church's power for good.



E. L. Howell, left, and Howard Carpenter discuss new devotional plan.

grams will be listed as soon as program plans are completed.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Sexes In Responsible Relationship

Exodus 20:14; Matt. 5:27-29;
I. Thess. 4:3-8
By Bill Duncan

Have you noticed a boy changing from the "I hate girls" mood to "I would like to talk to you" mood?

Boys and girls go through many stages. This is as natural as life. But somehow they must come to a responsible relationship. This is going to be hard for our children who are growing up where morals are changing.

A person in a high school observed: "Ten years ago premarital sex was not spoken about. Now it's beginning to be something that kids are asking about. They say 'what's wrong with premarital sex?' And they do not see anything wrong with it." According to a Gallup Poll, "students approve premarital sex 2 to 1. Whereas, among persons fifty and over, 80% oppose sex before marriage." How can we help our young people be responsible with a gift that is good? Teenagers crave affection and are attracted magnetically to the opposite sex. Their personality is built or possibly destroyed through human relationship.

Yet this is not just a teenage problem, for adultery has scarred and corroded every generation. The problem of adultery became so serious in the time of Jeremiah's day that he characterized the men of his day as "well-fed lusty stallions, each neighing for his neighbor's wife" (Jer. 5:8). Some women have claimed that extramarital sexual relations have at times been justified on the assumption that only through such permissive variety could the original marriage be maintained. Many adults today are living on the animal level. Our newspaper carried a story of a woman claiming to have attended a convention where she had sexual relations with about 50 men over the weekend. When God is made part of the marriage covenant the relationships is lifted from the animal level to the higher level of sanctity and purity envisioned by God for every marriage.

The Achievement of Fidelity

Exodus 20:14
"If our civilization ever loses respect for marital fidelity, giving itself up to an orgy of indulgence, our society will fall with a terrible crash, no matter how externally powerful and rich we may be," said Elton Trueblood.

"Why doesn't love make me happy?" you ask. Our romantic view of love promises pleasure to anyone who shares body and soul with a member of the opposite sex.

True love grows out of a healthy self-regard and generous self-giving. This can only be experienced in a disciplined life.

The seventh commandment says "You shall not commit adultery." A good explanation of this is found in Proverbs 6:32, "He who commits adultery has no sense; he who does it destroys himself."

Why did God give this commandment to encourage fidelity? Marriage is a sacred relationship. The interpretation of adultery as a violation against the Lord is shown by God's thoughts and actions against people such as David and Bathsheba (II Sam. 11:1ff). The specific mention of adultery was intended to insure the solidarity of the family. If one violated the marital bonds, it was a sin against God.

Adultery, according to Roy L. Honeycutt, in the Old Testament involved extramarital sexual relations. Fornication is defined by Webster as voluntary sexual intercourse between an unmarried woman and a man, especially an unmarried man.

Thus in the Old Testament premarital sexual relations were prohibited. Prostitution serves the sexual relation from the intended purpose of God, reducing it to no more than the animal level of self-gratification.

Deed And Motivation

Matt. 5:27-29

Jesus did not abolish the commandment, but filled it with new meaning as he sought for the spirit inherent in God's word. Jesus did not intend to convey the idea that temptation was equally as wrong as the act. He did convey the idea that it was wrong to consider a woman lustfully.

"You know, I love to look at girls," said Dale "Girl watching is my biggest problem. Sometimes I think the most awful things about them. According to the Bible this is wrong. I want to get over this more than anything." But can he? Fantasies lead to perverted sexual practices.

There are three reasons that Jesus placed such stress upon the lustful thought. (1) No person can constantly give himself to thoughts of immorality and not become emotionally warped. A lustful heart is self-destructive. (2) Purity of action depends upon purity of thought, and the mind filled with imagined immoralities is often the prelude to the immoral life. This is why pornography

is so harmful. (3) To contemplate illicit sexual relationships reveals an intrinsic failure to appreciate fully the dignity and worth of a person.

Thus Jesus warns us that the thought was wrong as well as the deed. The best way to keep from having a lustful mind is to think about the better things in life.

Governed By God's Will

I Thess. 4:3-8

There are plain prohibitions against sex out of marriage, premarital and extramarital. This needs to be taught in the home, church and school because estimates suggest that 50% of United States teenage girls are pregnant before marriage. A girl needs to pause before losing her virginity, because boys are leery of used merchandise. There are price tags of secrecy, over-possessiveness, and dishonesty.

"For this is the will of God... that ye should abstain from sexual immorality" (I Thess. 4:3).

Psychiatry and religion agree that men and women are made for each other. Happily, sex is here to stay. You hear a lot of stories in and outside of marriage that are sexual fantasies. They are not true for happiness and home.

People need people. Men need women. Women need men. But our relationship must be one that is healthy, and responsible. Our society provides appropriate channels for sexual expression according to one's maturity and marital state. At 17, it's more fun to have a date than a mate. As Kathy said, "Sex can ruin a beautiful friendship."

It is the will of God that sex be saved for your marriage. Once selected, one's life partner merits exclusive loyalty. Husbands and wives are de-

pendent upon each other's faithfulness.

Delta Pastors Elect Marion As President

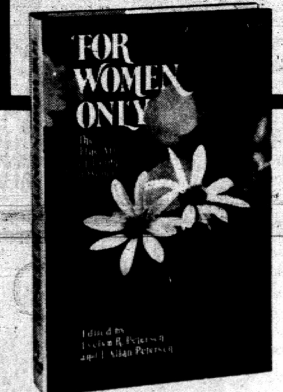
The April meeting of the Delta Pastor's Conference was held in the Sunflower Church, Sunflower.

The following men were elected as officers for the next year:

Rev. Lucius B. Marion, Clarksdale, president; Rev. Jimmy Duke, Calvary, Cleveland, vice - president; Rev. Dan Morton, First Church, Indianola, secretary - treasurer; Rev. Danny Prater, superintendent of missions, Riverside, public relations.

The next meeting of the Conference will be on May 6 in the Clarksdale Church in Clarksdale.

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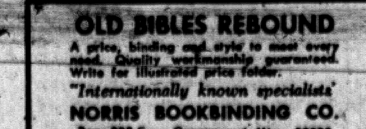
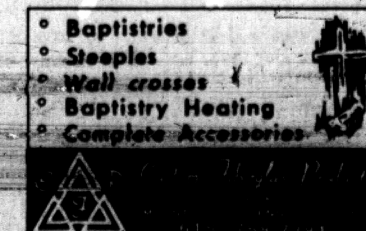


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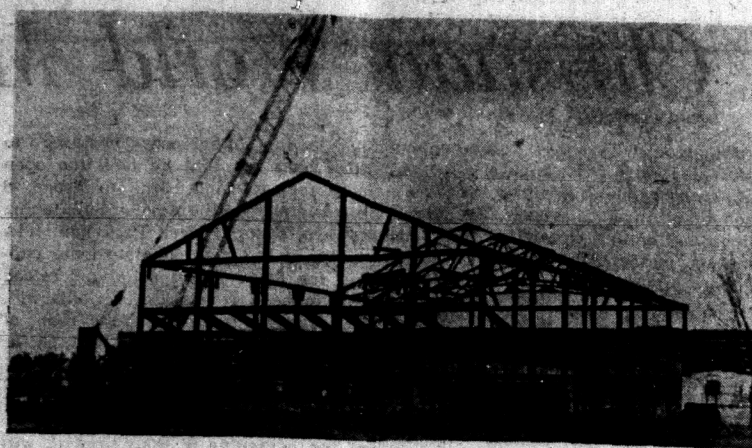


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Ground Broken For Ingalls Avenue Mission

Ground is being broken above on an eight and one-half acre site bought jointly by Ingalls Avenue Church, Jackson County Baptist Association, and the Miss. Baptist Convention Board, at a cost of \$68,000. In the midst of a very fast growing area of Gautier, the new building will cost approximately \$50,000 and will care for 135 in Sunday School and worship services. Services were started on September 16, 1973 with Rev. Zeno Wells, Supt. of Missions as temporary pastor. The sponsoring church is eight years old and is currently averaging approximately 300 in attendance. Dr. Allen O. Webb has been pastor for two and one-half years and is serving as Chairman of the Association. Missions Committee. Left to right are: Ted Provost, Mission Building Committee; Dr. Allen O. Webb, pastor of the sponsoring church; N. P. Fairley, charter member of the sponsoring church; Dr. Winstead, Chairman of the Mission Pulpit Committee breaking ground; and J. B. Duncan, Mission Committee Chairman of Ingalls Avenue Church. Rev. Curtis Miller, Woodhaven Church, brought the message.



1st, McComb Sanctuary Going Up

The new sanctuary for First Church, McComb, is now under construction. The \$750,000 structure will seat 1000 people, and is scheduled for completion in November, 1974. The educational building has been occupied since 1969. Pastors serving First Church during the construction period have been Dr. Wyatt R. Hunter (now pastor emeritus), Dr. John Lee Taylor, and current pastor, Dr. J. B. Fowler, Jr. Minister of Music and youth is the Rev. Henry T. Maxey.



Pictured above is Rev. Bobby Perry, pastor of Moss Point, First Church with Mrs. Jack May, Sr., Mrs. W. S. Rasberry and Mrs. May's son, Tolen, as they review the plans for the proposed new Family Life Center. The May family is representative of three generations that will be utilizing the new facilities.

Revival Dates

Emmanuel, Jackson: April 28-May 3; Rev. David Kendall, pastor North Calvary, Philadelphia, evangelist; "old-fashioned" dinner - on the grounds Sunday; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, and 7 a.m. (with breakfast snacks) and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Joe Metts, singer; Rev. Joe L. Hasson, pastor, will celebrate his fourth anniversary on Sunday.

New Bethel Church: May 3-5; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Nelson Fortenberry, pastor of Beatline Church, Newton, evangelist; music by youth and members of East Central Junior College BSU; Rev. Archie B. Blackwell, Jr., pastor.

Sunshine, Jackson: April 28-May 3; services at 7:30 during week; regular time on Sunday; Rev. Billy Wayne Morris, Anniston, Alabama, evangelist; Bill Souther, former music director at First, Brookhaven, singer; Rev. Mike Willoughby, pastor.

White Oak Church: youth-led; April 28-29; 7:30 Friday and Saturday nights; regular services on Sunday; youth team from Clarke College in charge; David Burkett, evangelist; Bob Fremont, Debbie Roberson, Vicki Griffith, musicians; Rev. E. C. Tucker, pastor.

Shiloh Memorial Church, Kila: April 28-May 3; Sunday morning service 11 a.m.; nightly service 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Danny Gray, Spartanburg, South Carolina, evangelist; Mrs. Ruth Pearson, music director; Rev. Lannie Wilburn, pastor.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Easthaven, Brookhaven: April 7-14; six rededications; four professions of faith; one by letter; eight baptized April 14; Easter cantata; Rev. Robert M. Hanvey, pastor.

Calvary, Greenville: April 3-7; Rev. Howard Taylor, pastor; Jack Hazlewood, evangelist; Alice and Eddie Smith, music evangelist; 25 professions of faith; seven additions by letter; 26 Christian commitments.

Crowder Church, Crowder: Rev. J. P. Adams, preacher; two by letter, 21 rededications; 21 professions of faith with 17 being received for baptisms in the Crowder Church; Rev. Truman D. Scarborough, pastor.

Rocky Creek (George): March 31-April 7; Bill C. Penley, Candler, N. C., evangelist; Lloyd Young of Anniston, Alabama, music evangelist; Rev. Sonny Adkins, pastor; 24 additions; 20 professions of faith; two by letter; two by statement; over 50 rededications.

Moss Point Building Campaign Moves Forward

Promotional aspects for the newly proposed \$270,000 Family Life Center for the Moss Point, First Church are moving at a promising rate according to M. D. Ross, director of the special Finance Steering Committee. Rev. Bobby Perry announced that the church membership had pledged in excess of \$121,000 toward the financing of the Family Life Center.

An outstanding event was the recent building fund campaign banquet attended by more than 250. The banquet, held at Moss Point High School on March 27, was the climax of a five-week campaign.

According to the pastor, approximately 100 people were directly involved in the promotional aspects surrounding the Family Life Center.



First, Potts Camp, Free Of Debt

On Sunday, April 7, First Church, Potts Camp, held a note burning service. The debt on the new sanctuary and the new pastor's home had been paid off the previous Sunday. Left to right: Dallas King, chairman of deacons; William Minor, Marshall Clifton and Len Marbury, members of Building Committee; and Rev. Joe Epting, pastor.

Church And Baptist Agencies Benefit From Large Estate

TEXARKANA, Tex. (BP) - First Baptist Church here has been named beneficiary of nearly \$1.5 million from the \$4.78 million estate of the late J. K. Wadley, a deacon at the church for more than 50 years.

Five other Baptist organizations shared another \$957,488 from the estate, channeled through the Baptist Foundation of Texas, with \$327,915 of that amount going to Baylor Medical Center, Dallas.

as a minister of education at Lakeside Church, Metairie, La. and chaplain of Colonial Oaks Nursing Home. Before going to the Seminary, he was a member of the faculty of Jones Jr. College, Ellisville, for eight years, teaching in the schools of history and art.

He and his wife, Patricia have three children, Susan, Christopher and Stephen.

Leading in the ordination service Sunday were Dr. E. J. Harvey of Jackson; Rev. J. B. Middleton, of Eupora, and Kermit Worthy, chairman of deacons of Philadelphia Church.

Webster County Pastor Ordained

Rev. Jim Kirkland was ordained to the ministry recently at Philadelphia Church, Cadaretta, near Eupora.

He was called as pastor of the Philadelphia Church in January. He is the son of the E. J. Kirklands of Laurel.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from William Carey College and did graduate studies in history at the University of Southern Mississippi. He received a Master of Religious Education degree and Master of Divinity in Theology from New Orleans Seminary.

While in seminary Kirkland served

Devotional

In His Image

By J. N. Triplett, Minister of Pastoral Care, First, Jackson.
"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him" (Genesis 1:27).

When I was a small boy, it was my privilege to read Hawthorne's "The Great Stone Face." The thrill still lingers when memory brings back the scene of the villagers identifying Ernest as the one bearing the image of the man of the mountain. Just as the fertile acorn becomes an oak, so does the interior of a man fashion his outward appearance. Some simple factors are suggested that will help man bear the image of God.

Integrity. The title "sourdough" is worn only by those who have lived at least thirty years in Alaska. One explorer-trapper told me that out in the wild a man's word was important "because life depended on it."

Mind. "As a man thinketh, so is he." "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Action. "Thy will be done" is appropriate, always. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

Good. This is not sufficient for salvation, "by grace are ye saved, through faith. . .", but it is a quality to be coveted by the Christian.

Enthusiastic envoy. When clothed and in his right mind, man is to go tell what great things God has done for him. "Ye are witnesses."

INDIANA STATE FIRES TEACHER WHO READ THE BIBLE TO PUPILS

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (RNS)—A junior high mathematics teacher at the Indiana State University Laboratory School here has been dismissed, reportedly for ignoring requests that he "cease and desist" from reading the Bible to his mathematics classes.

Max W. Lynch, who has taught at the school for 12 years, was told by State's president Alan C. Rankin that the institution's board of trustees had endorsed the faculty dismissal hearing committee's recommendation of his dismissal.

The ISU "lab school" enrolls some 700-800 students from nursery school through 12th grade.



New FM Station To Broadcast Worship Services, W. Point

Rev. Joel Haire, pastor of First Baptist Church of West Point, is shown in the pulpit before the WKBB-FM radio microphone, which will regularly carry the Sunday morning worship services to the Golden Triangle area of north Mississippi. This began Easter Sunday, April 14 and will continue every Sunday, live and direct from the church.

First Baptist Church was the first to sign a contract with West Point's new FM station.

Services of the West Point Calvary Baptist church are broadcast over WKBB-FM each Sunday night.

WKBB-FM will be found at 101 kHz on the FM dial.

Mississippi's newest commercial FM stereo radio station, WKBB-FM officially began regular program service Sunday, April 14.

Equipment tests indicate the station will have a coverage of about forty miles in all directions from West Point.

WKBB-FM will program to the young marrieds. The station will broadcast network service and news from The Mutual Broadcasting System, The Associated Press, local news, weather, sports, special events and public service programming.

One of the highlights of the first broadcast was the singing of hymns in West Point.

The world is a mission field with sinful suffering all around us. It's our privilege to do something about it. Kathaleen Thibodeaux.

Old-Fashioned Singing School: At MC June 13-15

An Old - Fashioned Singing School at Mississippi College will be the first of four music camps to be sponsored this summer by the Church Music Department, MCB. The Singing School in Clinton will be June 13-15, with Dr. Jack Lyall, pictured, Dean of Music at MC, as coordinator and choral director.

FMB Graphic Artwork Wins Design Awards

RICHMOND - The graphic arts department of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board won several honors for their artwork submitted by printers at a recent awards banquet of the Printing Industry of the Virginias, the professional organization of printers from Virginia, West Virginia and parts of Maryland and North Carolina.

A booklet describing mission work in West Africa designed by the graphic arts department won "Best of Show" in competition with all entries and first place in division competition for medium sized print shops. A promotional poster for the board's singing group, "Grain," won second in medium-size print shops division competition and a poster publicizing the journeyman program won honorable mention. All three were entered by Spencer Printing Company.

West Jackson Calls Pastor

Rev. Dewitt Mitchell has accepted a call to West Jackson Church, Jackson. He goes from the pastorate of First Church, Tchula.

Mr. Mitchell is a native of Collins, and is married to the former Annie High also of Collins. They are the parents of one son, John David. He formerly pastored churches in Simpson, Copiah and Bolivar Counties, prior to his Pastorate at First Church, Tchula.

West Jackson Church is located at 323 South Drive and presently has a membership of 1,093.

The Mitchells were honored with a reception by the members of West Jackson Sunday night, April 7.

To begin Thursday at 9 a.m. and conclude with lunch on Saturday, the program is planned for music leaders with little or no training.

song leaders, pianists, organists, choir members, and potential song leaders and accompanists. The cost will be \$25.00.

Those on the faculty in addition to Dr. Lyall will be Jerry Talley, minister of music, Oak Forest, Jackson; Tommy Spigener, faculty, Mississippi College; Billy Trotter, faculty, Mississippi College; Gerald Claxton, faculty, Mississippi College.

Highlights of the three - day school: Separate sessions for youth and adults; classes for accompanists (piano and organ), private voice lessons (youth only), classes in conducting, special youth choir, and book store exhibit with available materials.

For other information, write Dan Hall, director, Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.



The Champion Family

Former State Pastor Moves To Florida

Rev. Leon Champion, has assumed the pastorate of Lauderdale Mapors Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

A native of Anniston, Alabama, he holds the A.A. degree from Clarke College, the B.A. degree from William Carey College, and Th.M. degree from New Orleans Seminary. He has served as pastor of several churches in Mississippi, and moved from Tompkins Church, Grove Hill.

He is the father of two daughters, Tammy, 11, and Christie, 16 months.

They are now living in the church parsonage at 1141 NW 8th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33311.

Off The Record

"I shore so loud, I wake myself up!" "Try sleeping in another room."

"What makes you think your uncle is schizophrenic?" "He takes 8-Way Cold Tablets!"

Parents bear infants, bore teenagers and board newlivers. - LOU

All in the Way You Look at It
A college professor once gave a class the following sentence to punctuate: "Woman without her man is nothing."

"Most of the men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing." And the women wrote: "Woman! without her, man is nothing."

THAT'S MY GIRL!
"My daughter's music lessons are worth a fortune to me."

"How come?"
"I've gone into the real estate business and her practicing has enabled me to buy our neighbors' houses at half price."

Alternative Sport
The telephone rang, and Mrs. Jones answered it promptly. "Is your husband home?" a voice asked.

"I'm sorry, but he's not. He went to the river an hour ago."

"Really?" said the caller. "What's he doing there?"

"Well," said Mrs. Jones, "If the ice is as thick as he thinks it is, he went skating. If it's as thin as I think it is, he went swimming."

Wycliffe Associates
To Sponsor Dinners
In Jackson, Meridian

Wycliffe Associates of Orange, California, are giving a complimentary dinner in Jackson, at Holiday Inn Southwest, Highway 80 West, on Monday, May 6. The time will be 7 p.m.

To make your reservation, call Mrs. Judy Sellers at 311 Delwood Dr.

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"Truth" To Sing At Center Terrace

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